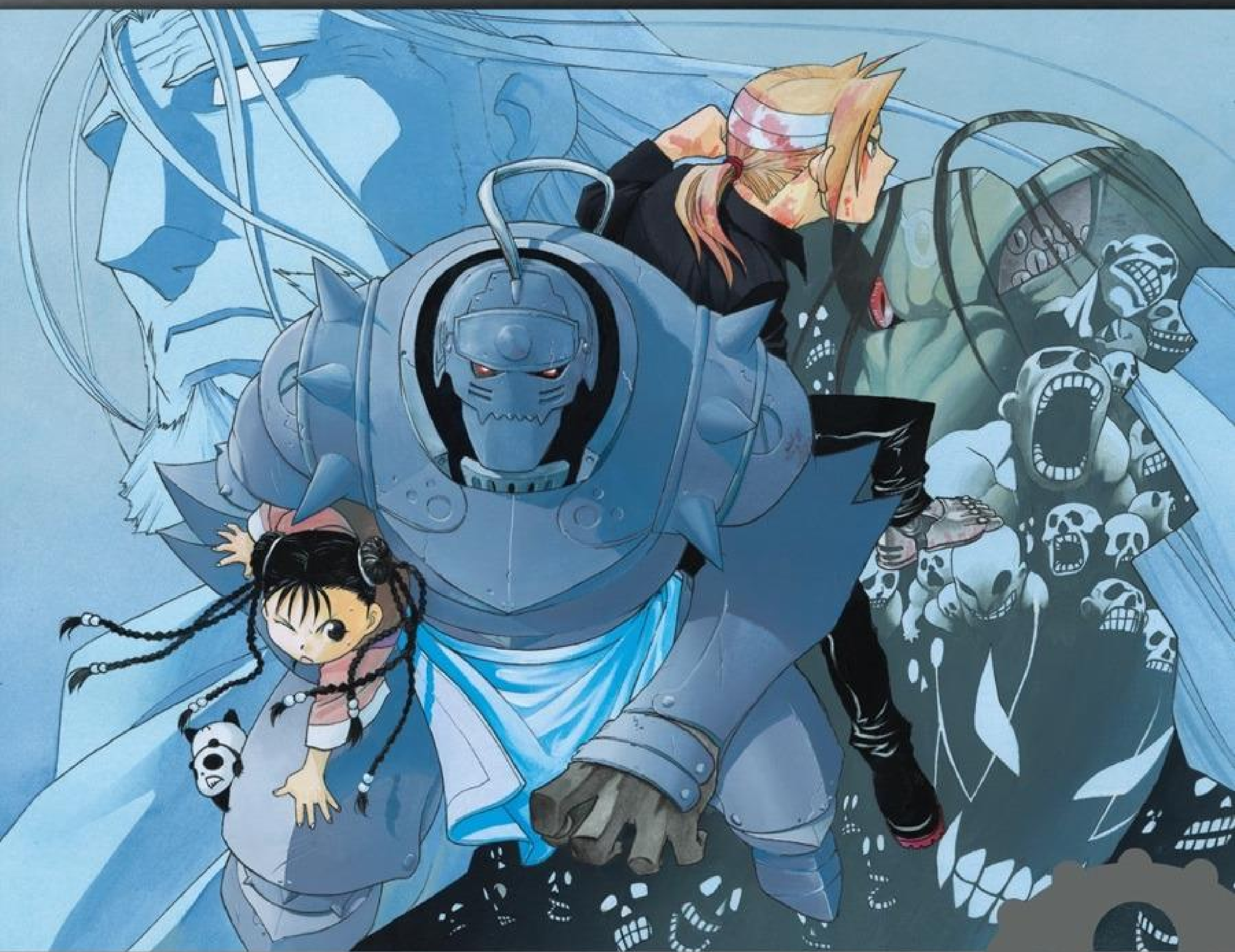


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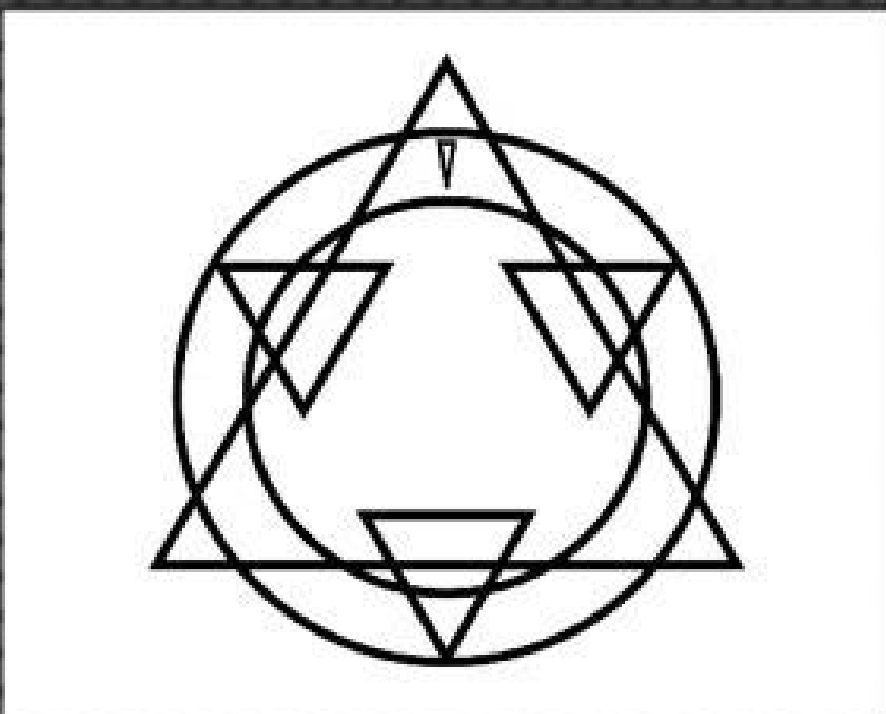
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Three seconds till beef...

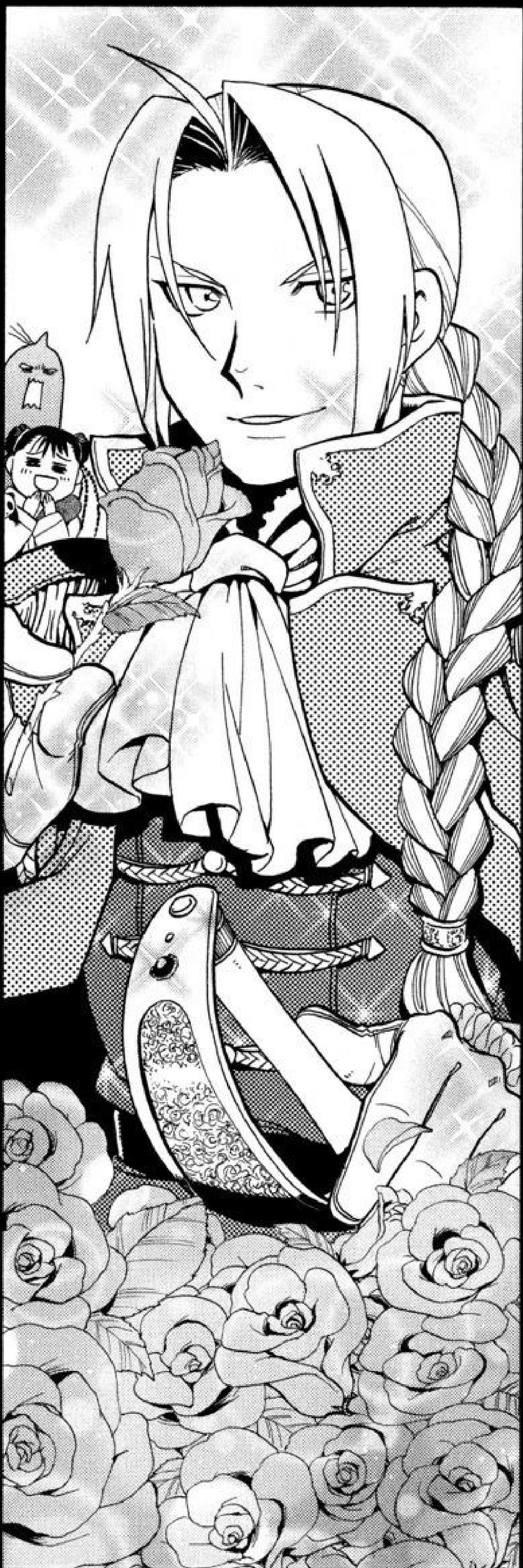
—Hiromu Arakawa, 2005



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



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荒川弘

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CHARACTERS

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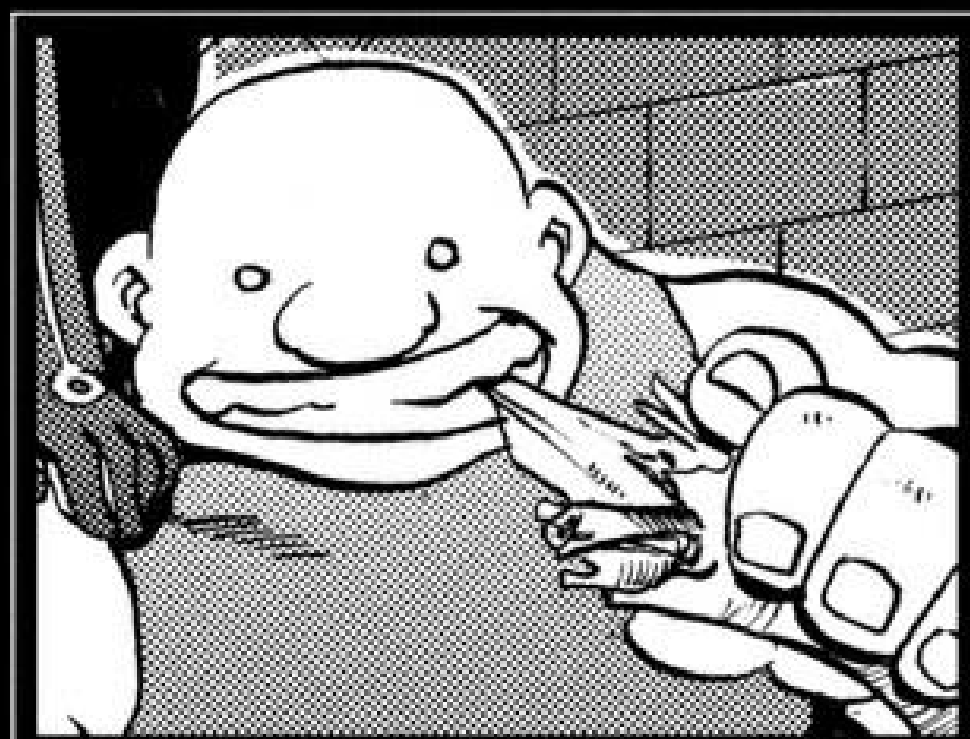
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ グラトニー

Gluttony



□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



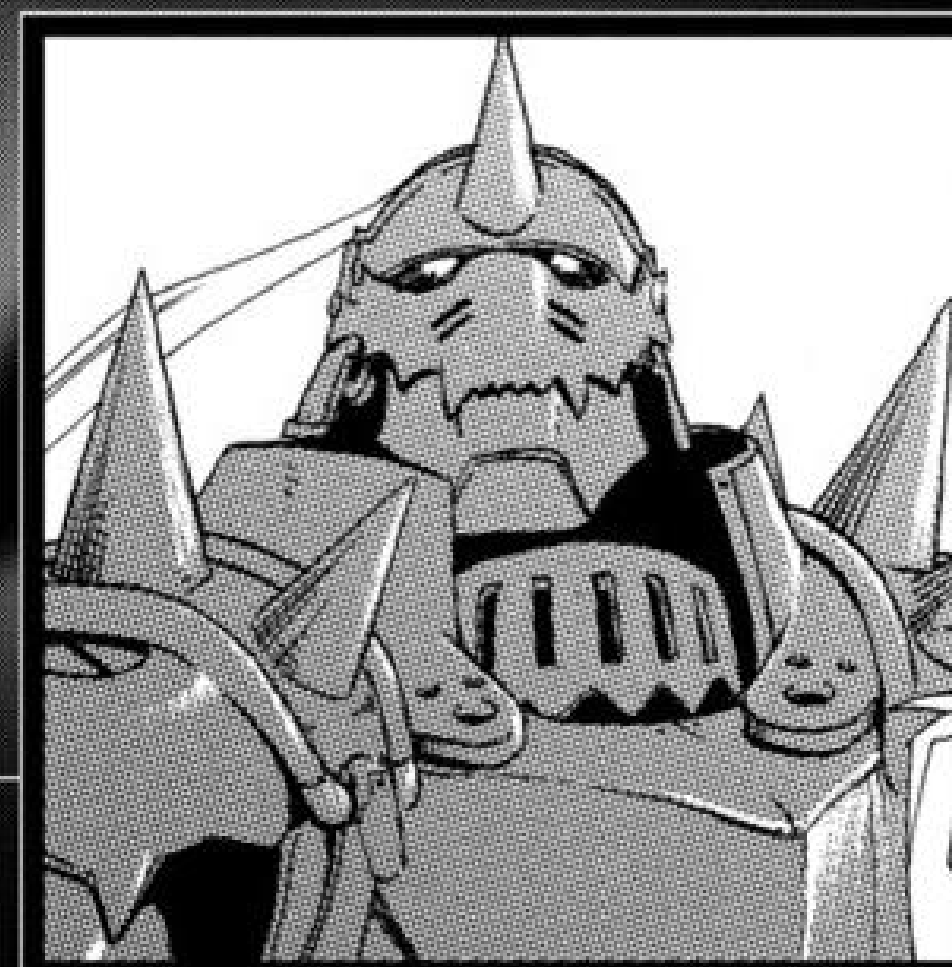
□ リン・ヤオ

Lin Yao



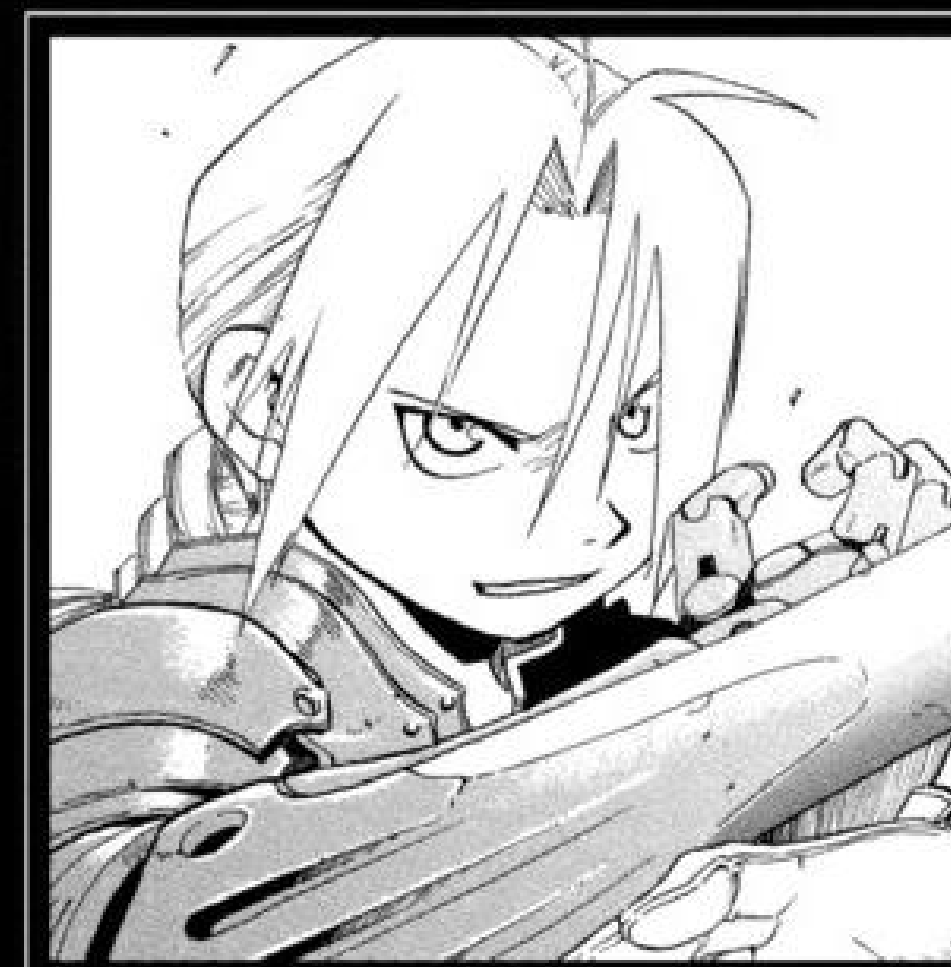
□ メイ・チャン

May Chang



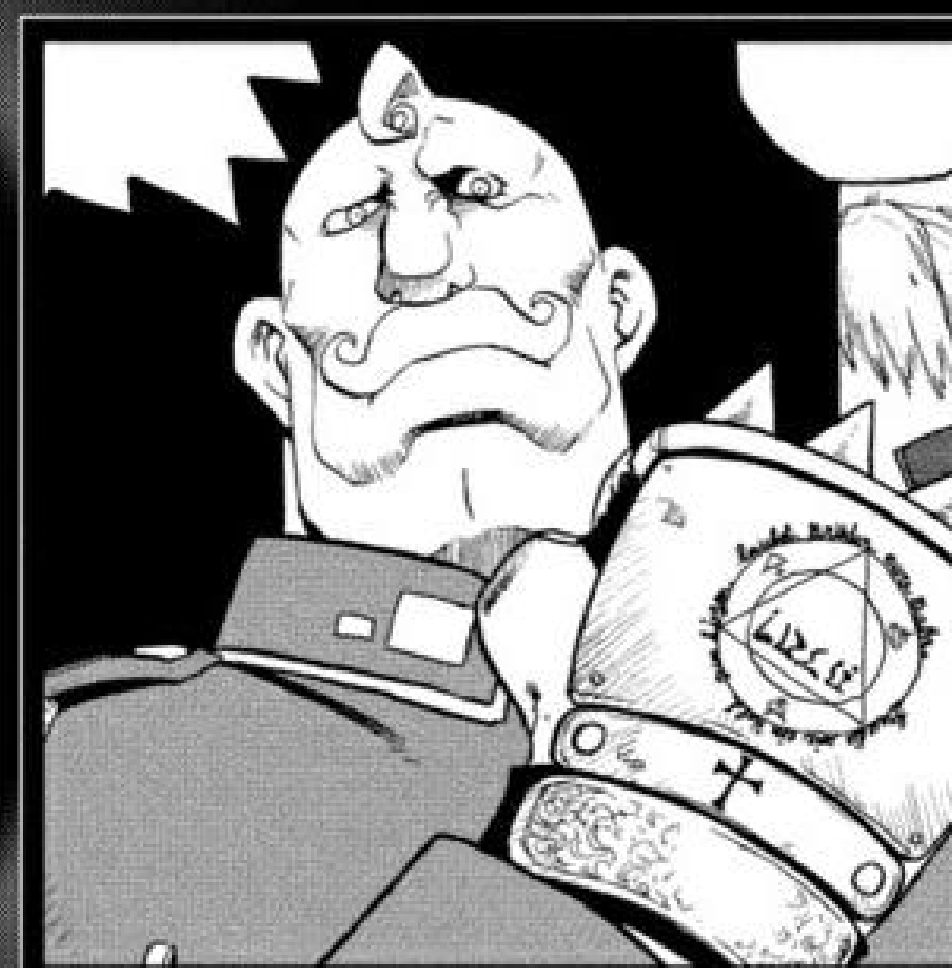
□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

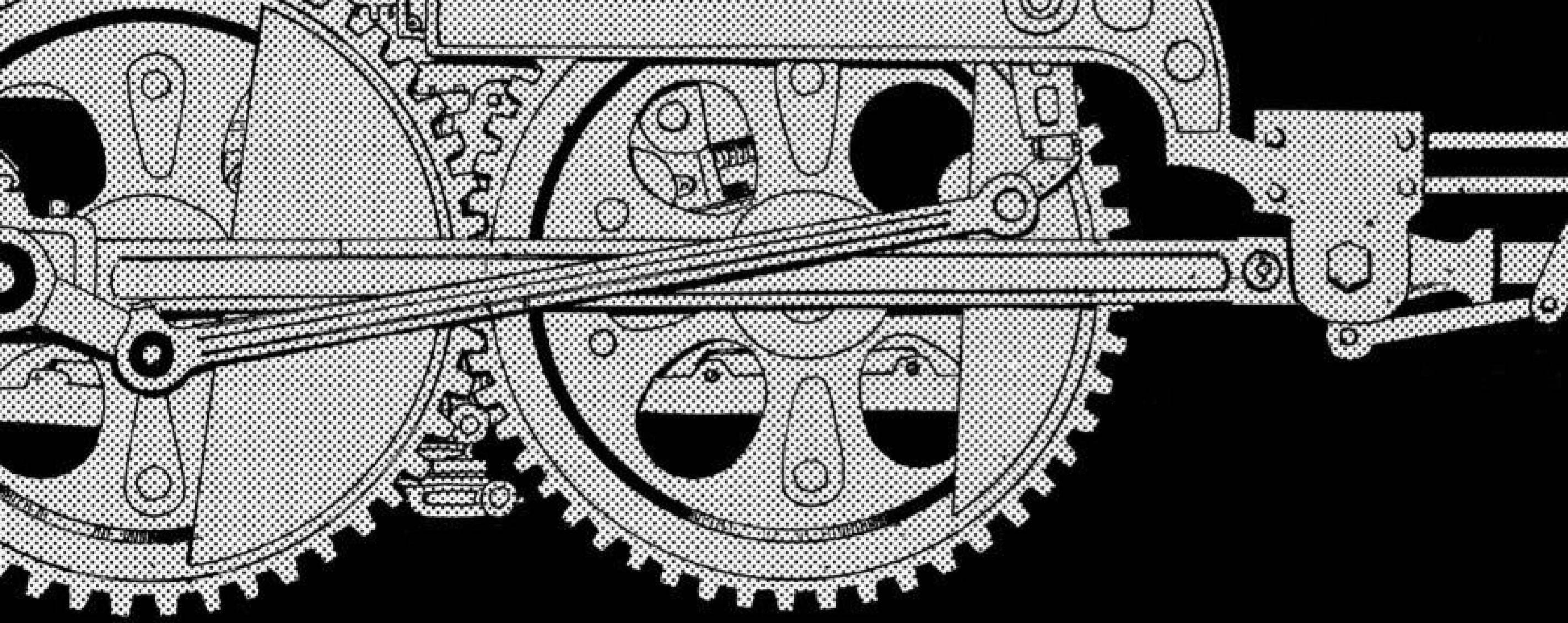
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

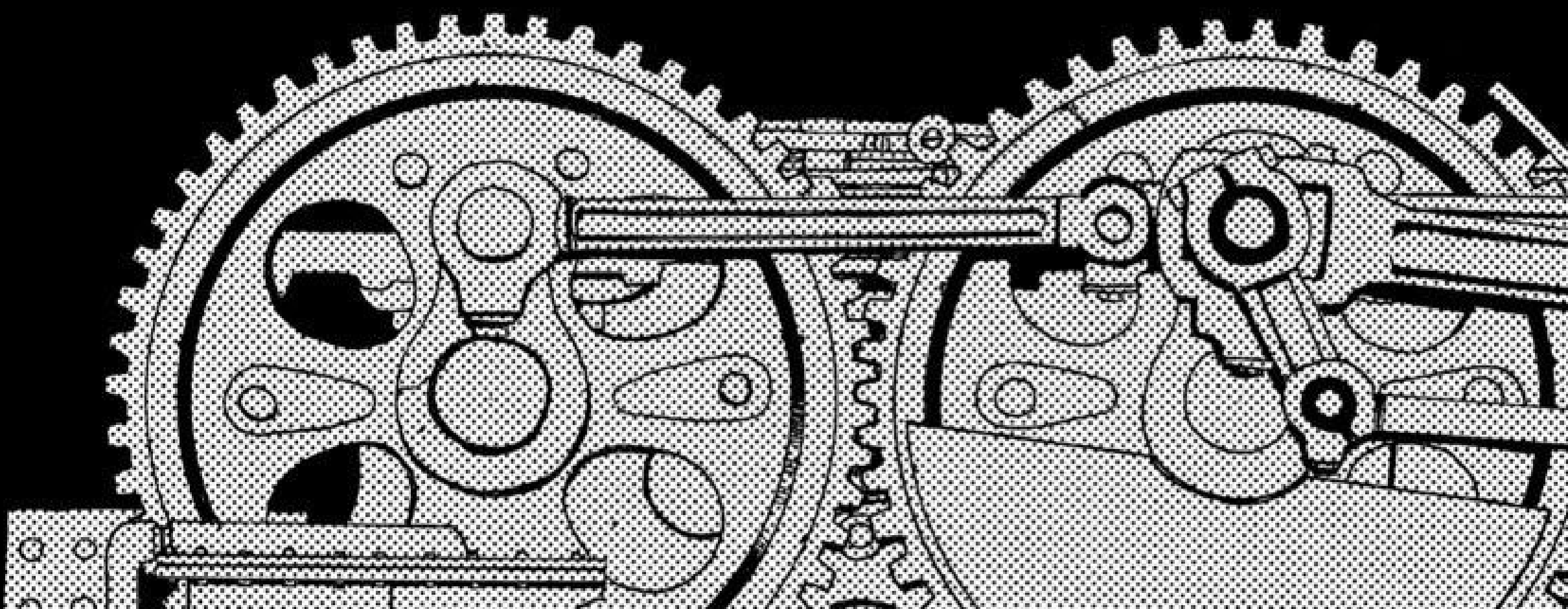
The Elrics' plan to capture and interrogate Gluttony, one of the evil and high-invulnerable homunculi, goes awry when his "sibling" Envy crashes the party. Gluttony reveals his true bestial form and, in a rage, swallows Ed, Lin, and Envy, sending the three of them into a dark void eerily containing a large amount of rubble and...blood. Al, fearing his brother lost forever, demands that Gluttony take him to the mysterious "father" of the homunculi...

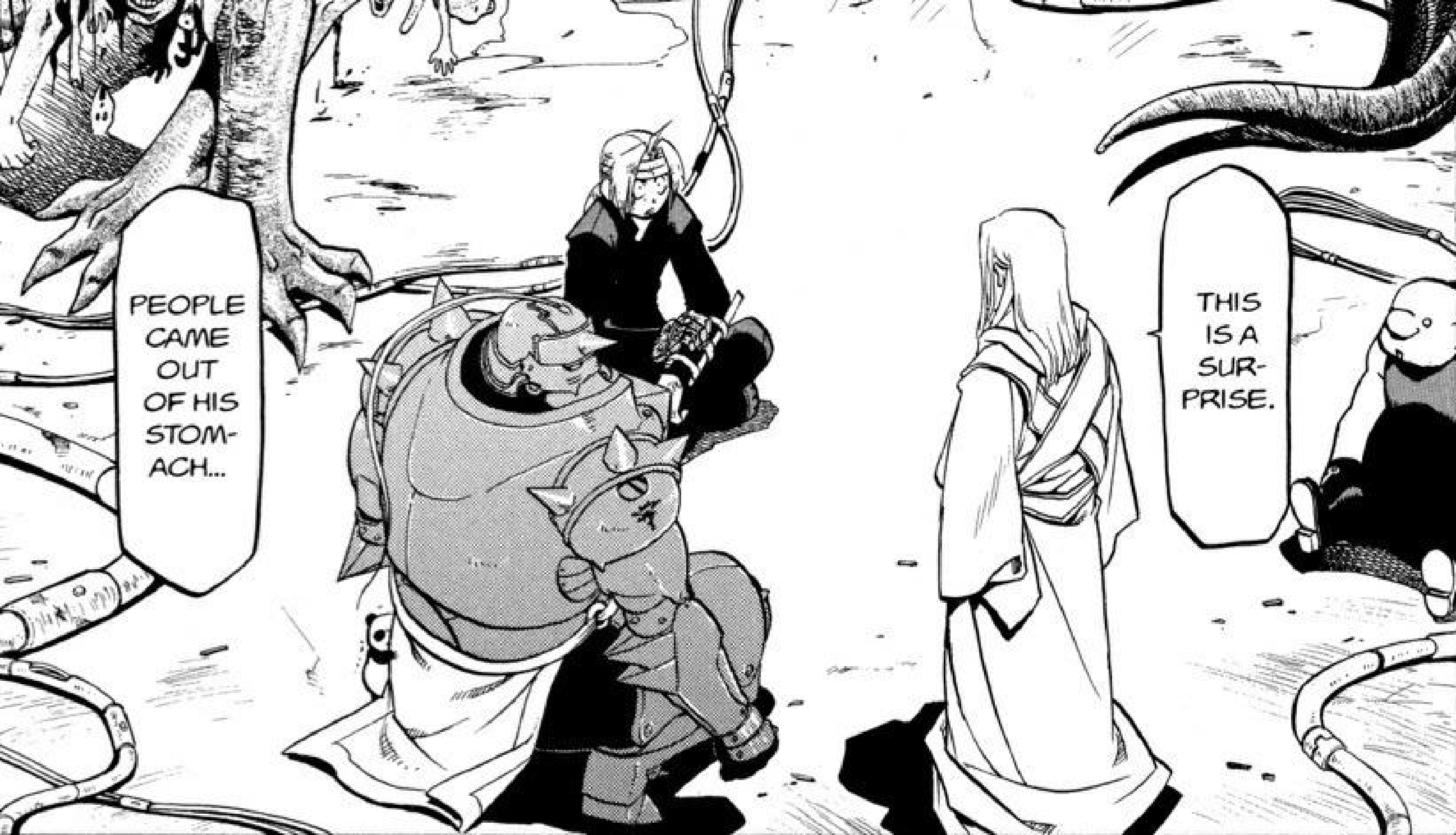
Meanwhile, Roy Mustang returns to Central City armed with the secret that President Bradley is actually a homunculus; however, when Mustang is summoned to meet with the top echelons of the military command, he is shocked to learn his intelligence is not as privileged as he thought. As Scar and May fight their way into the labyrinthine lair of the Homunculi which lies beneath Central, an unexpected reunion is at hand...



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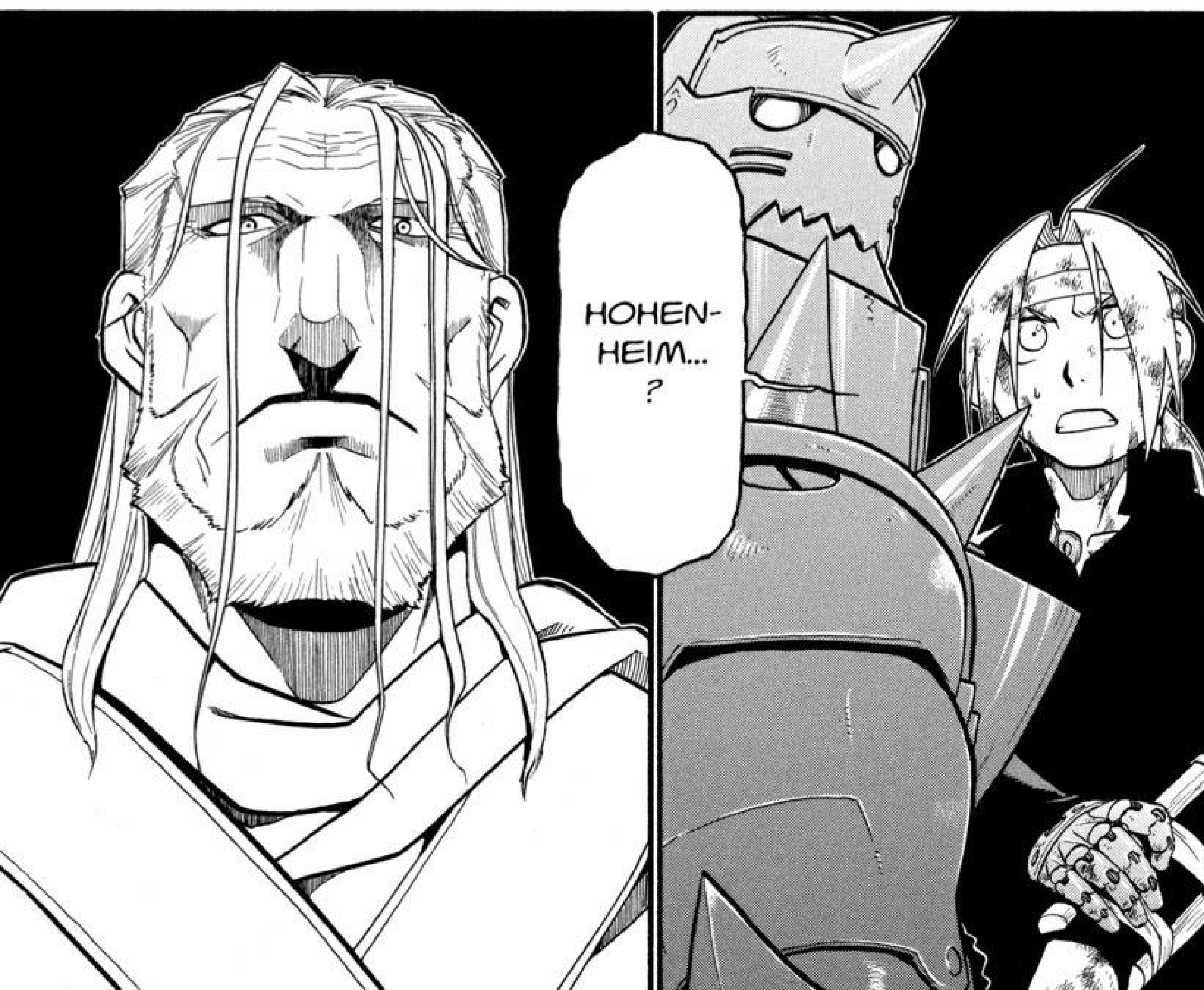
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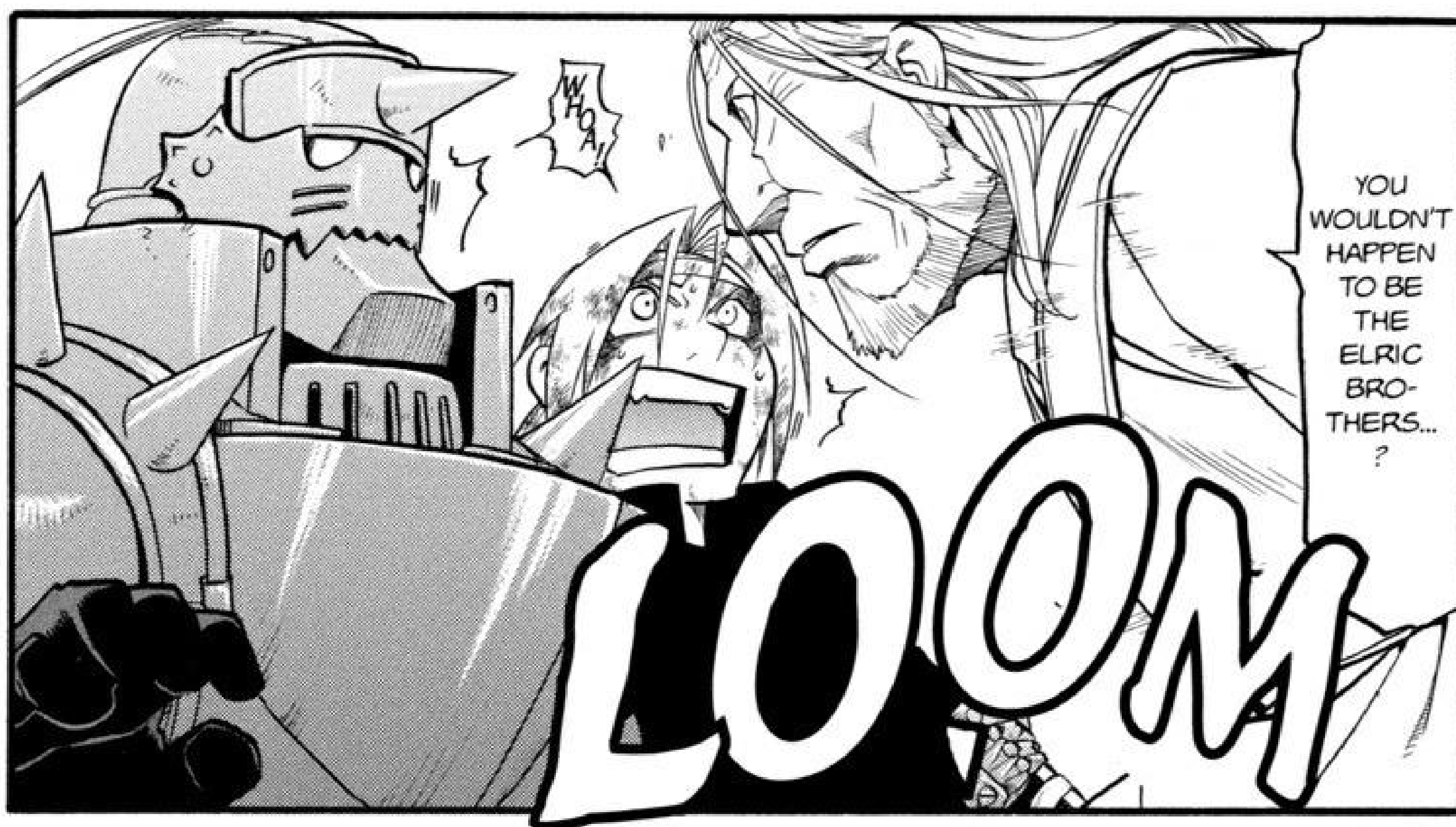
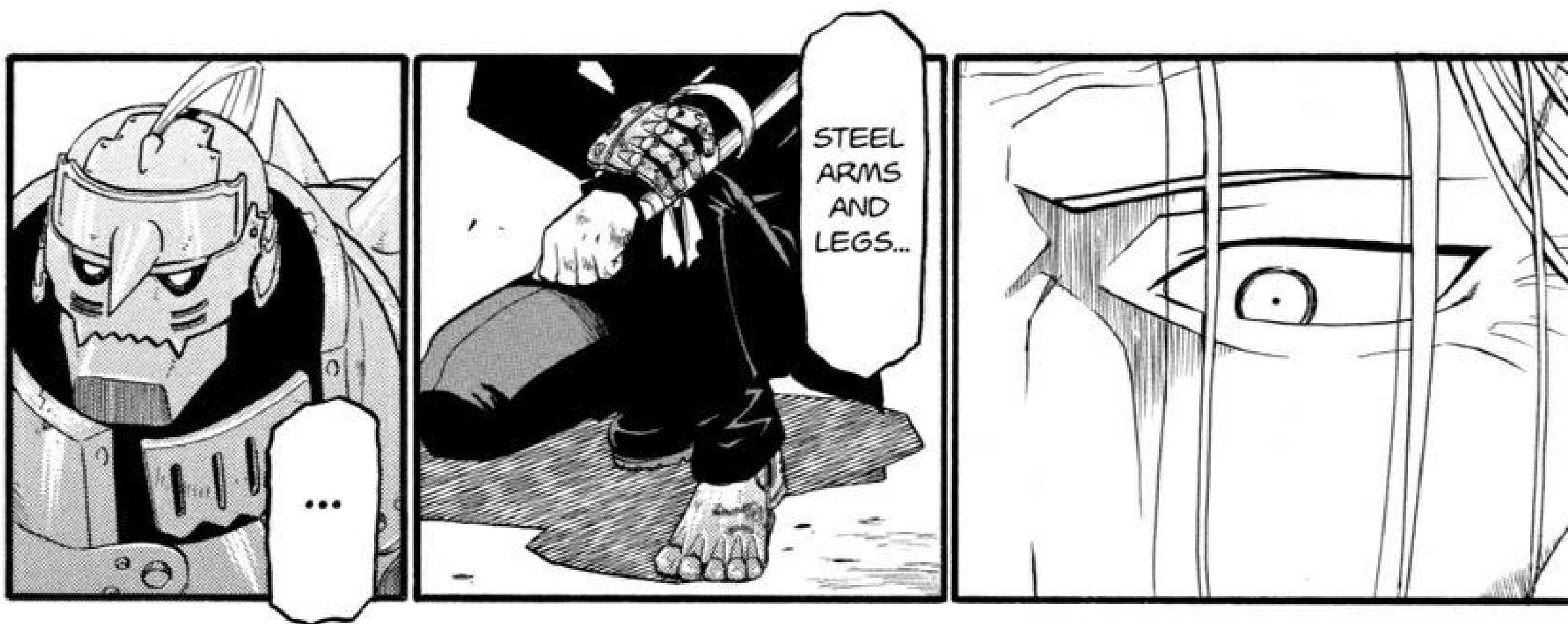


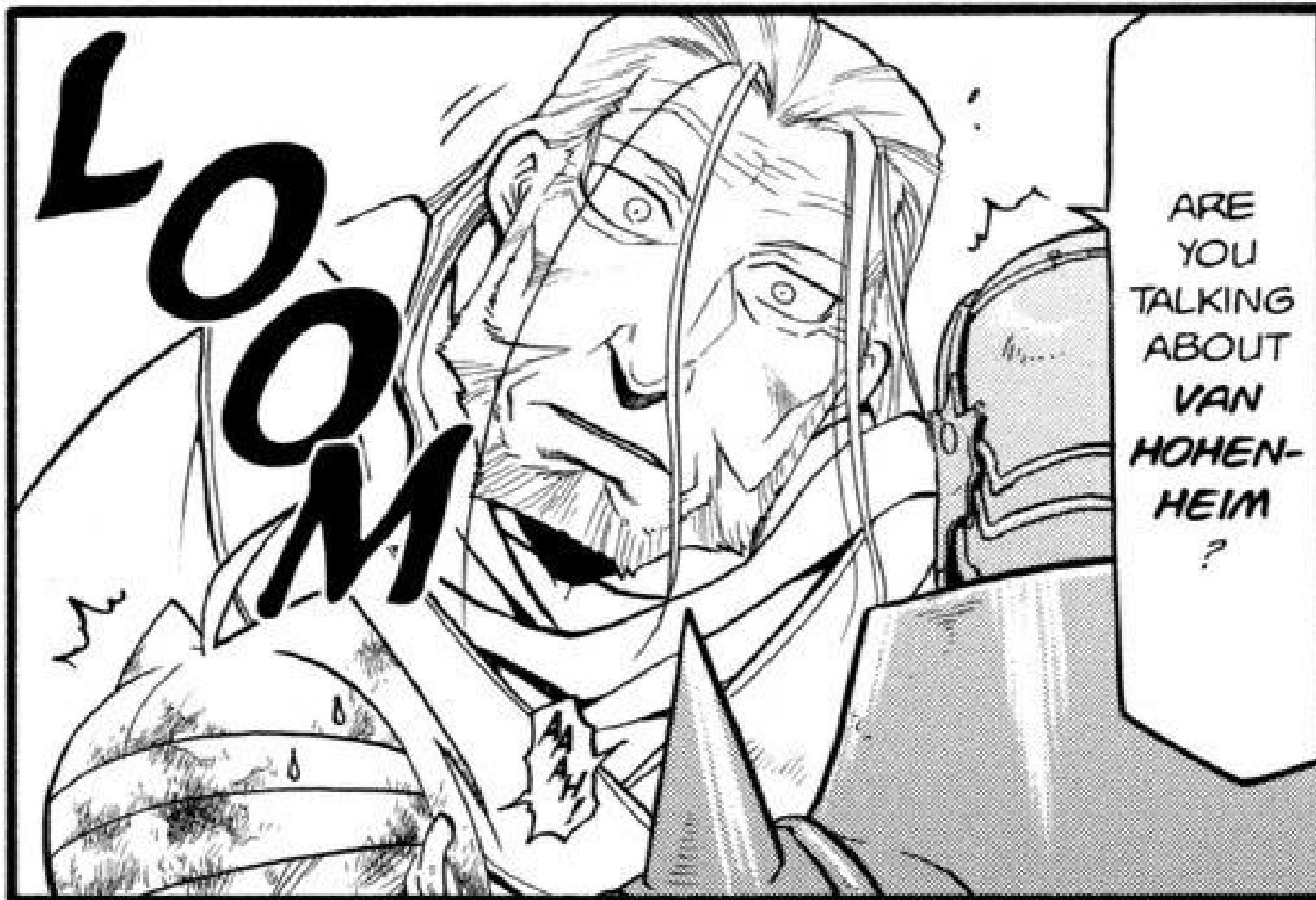


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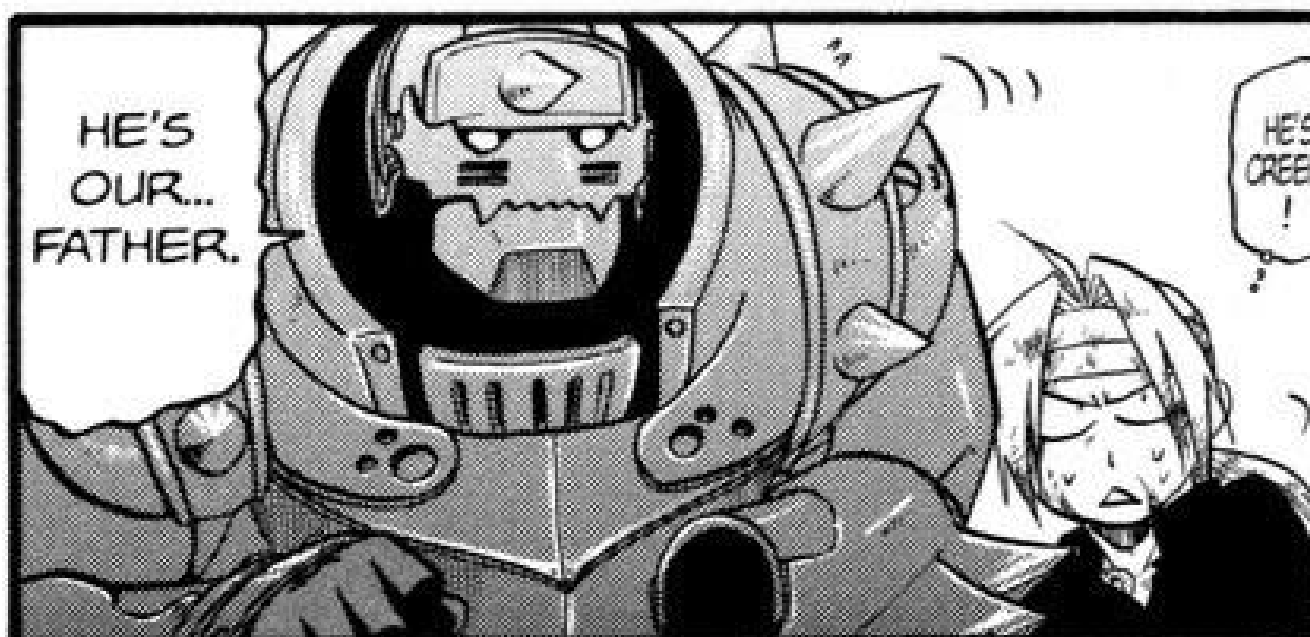
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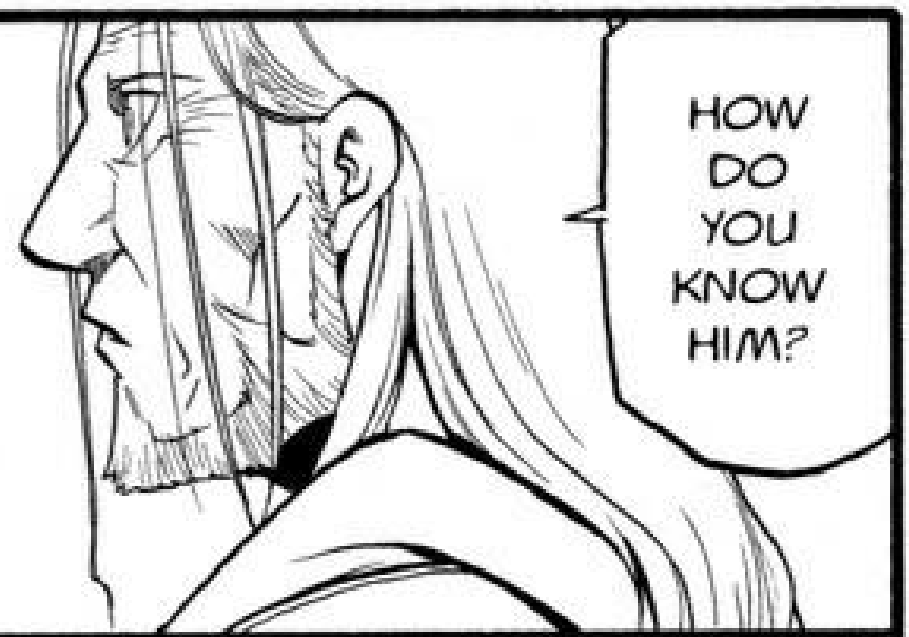




ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
VAN
HOHEN-
HEIM
?

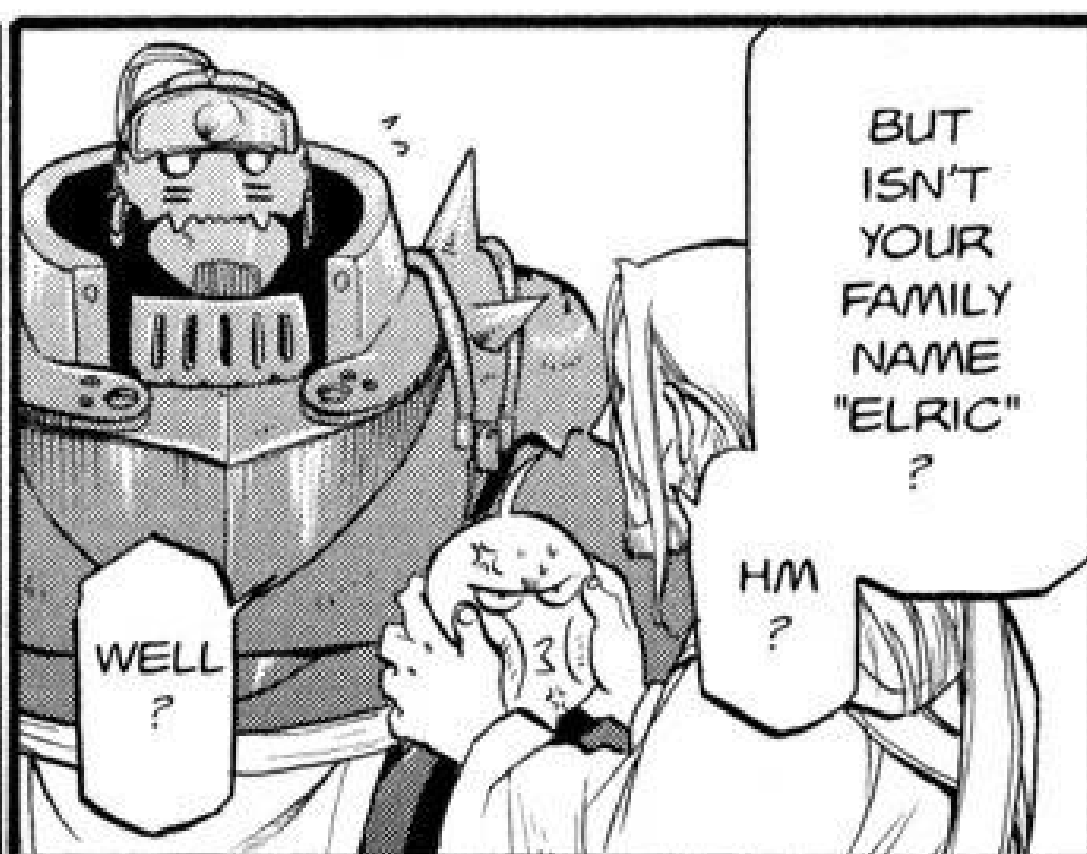
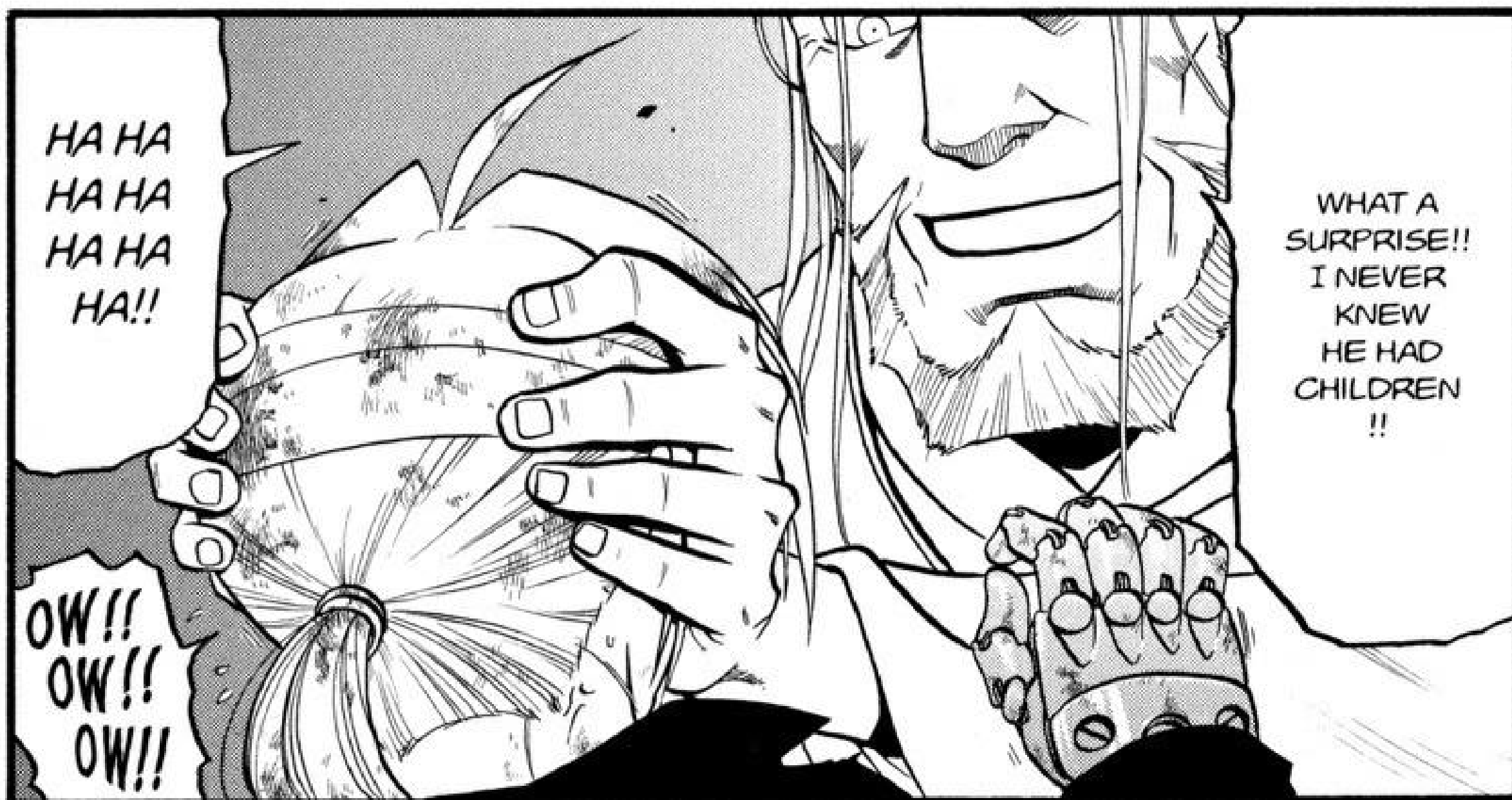


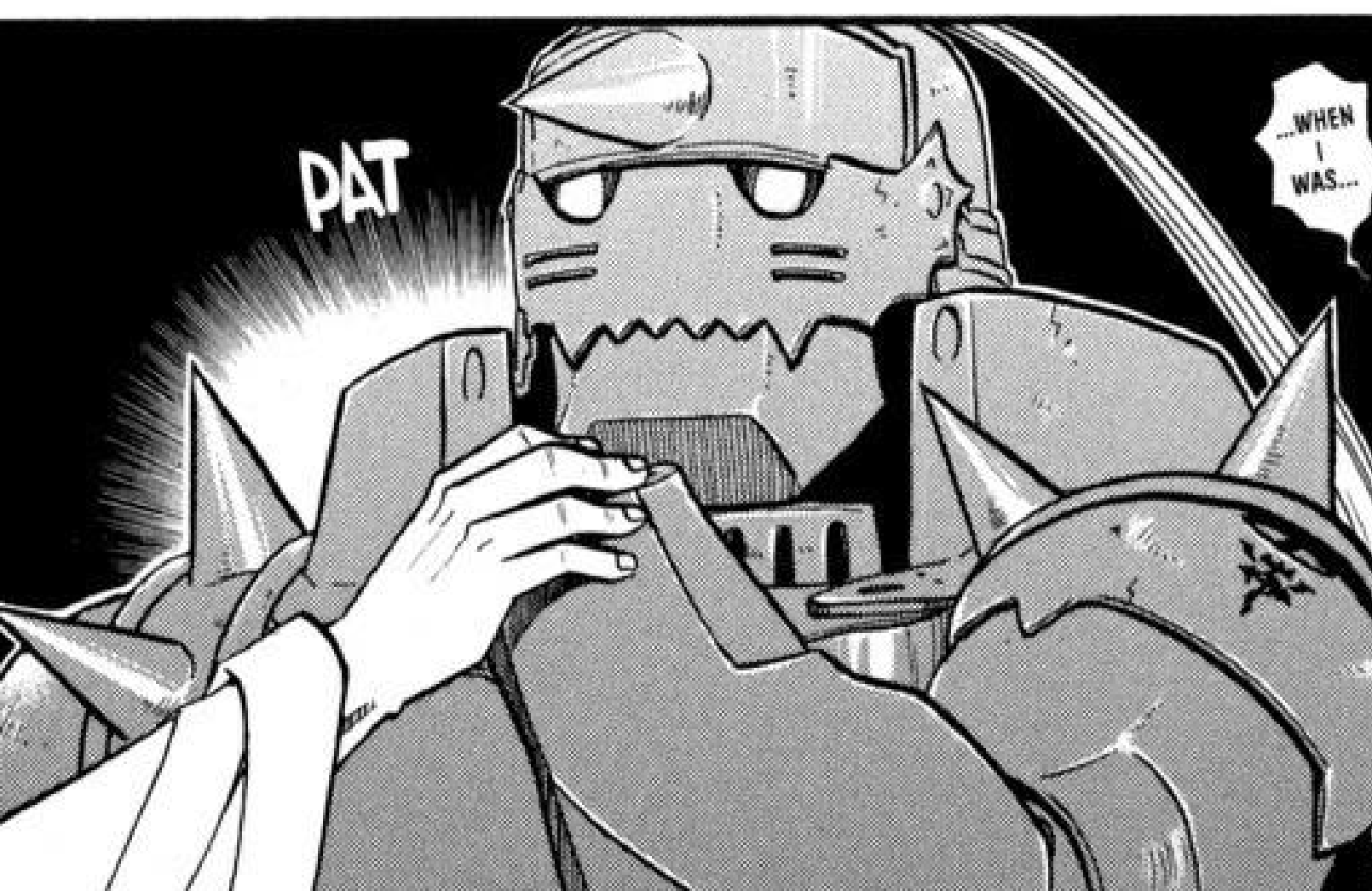
HE'S
CREEPY!

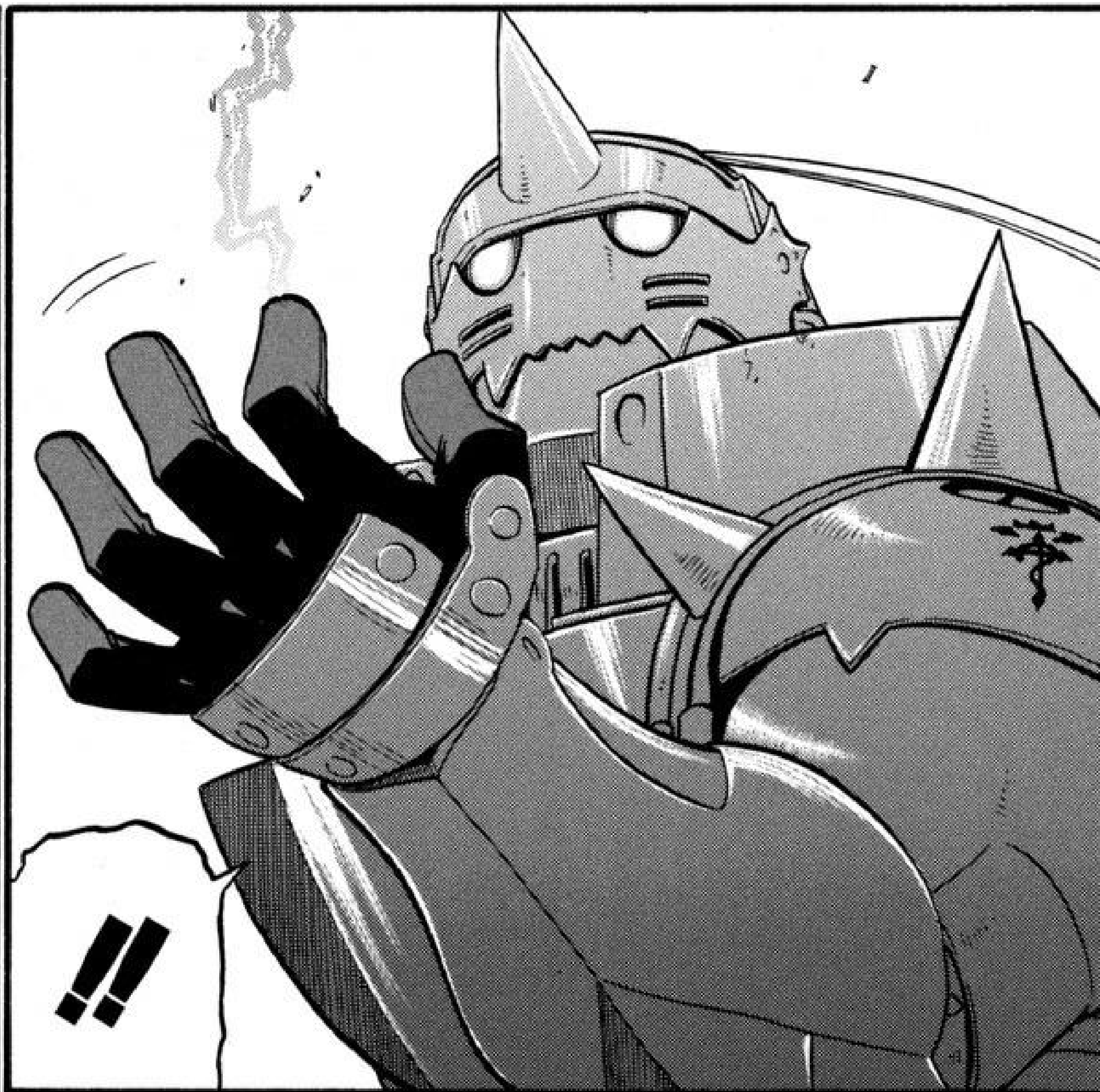
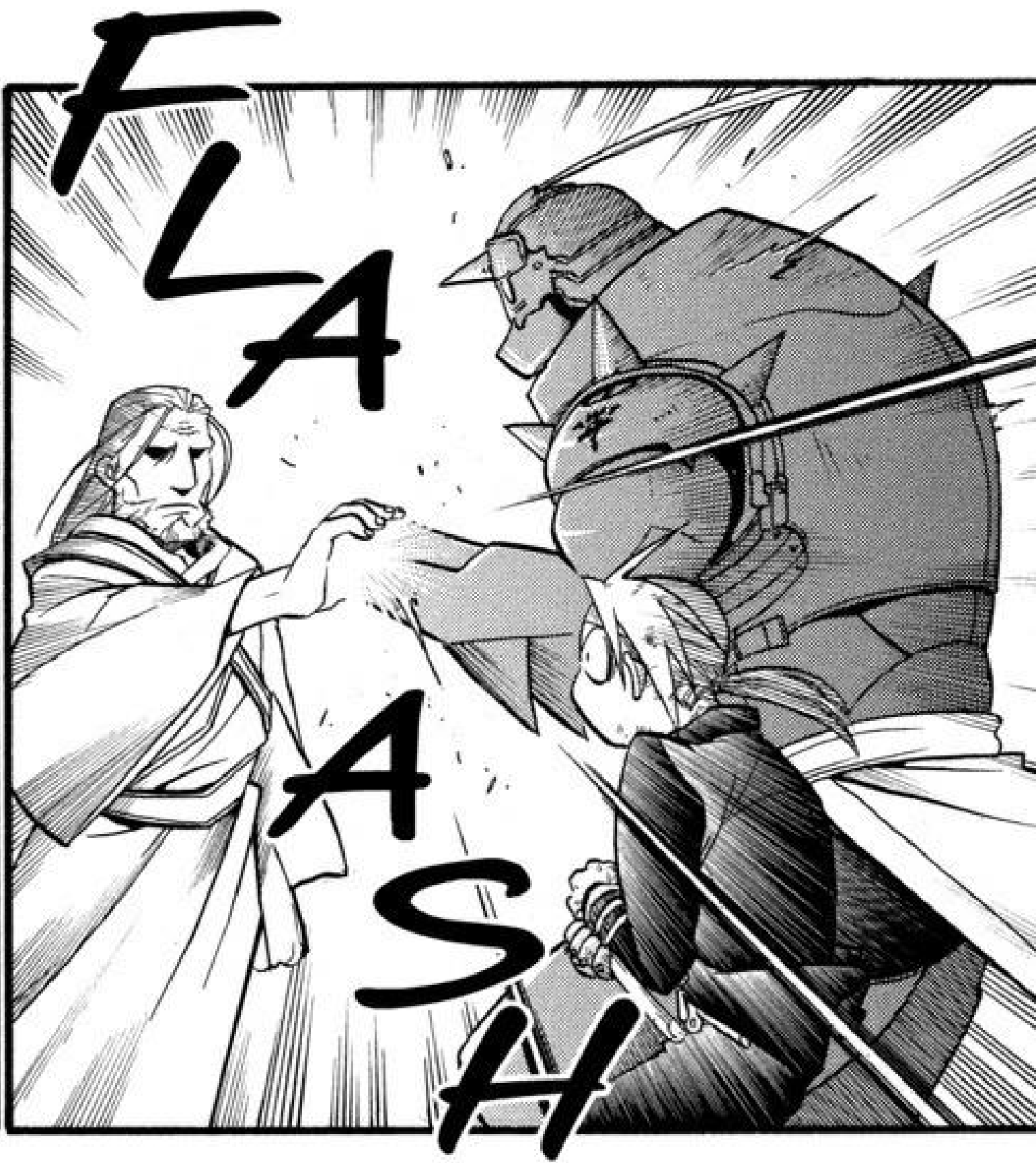


FATHER
!!!













WHAAA
!?



...HUH
?

TMp



HOW'S
THAT
?

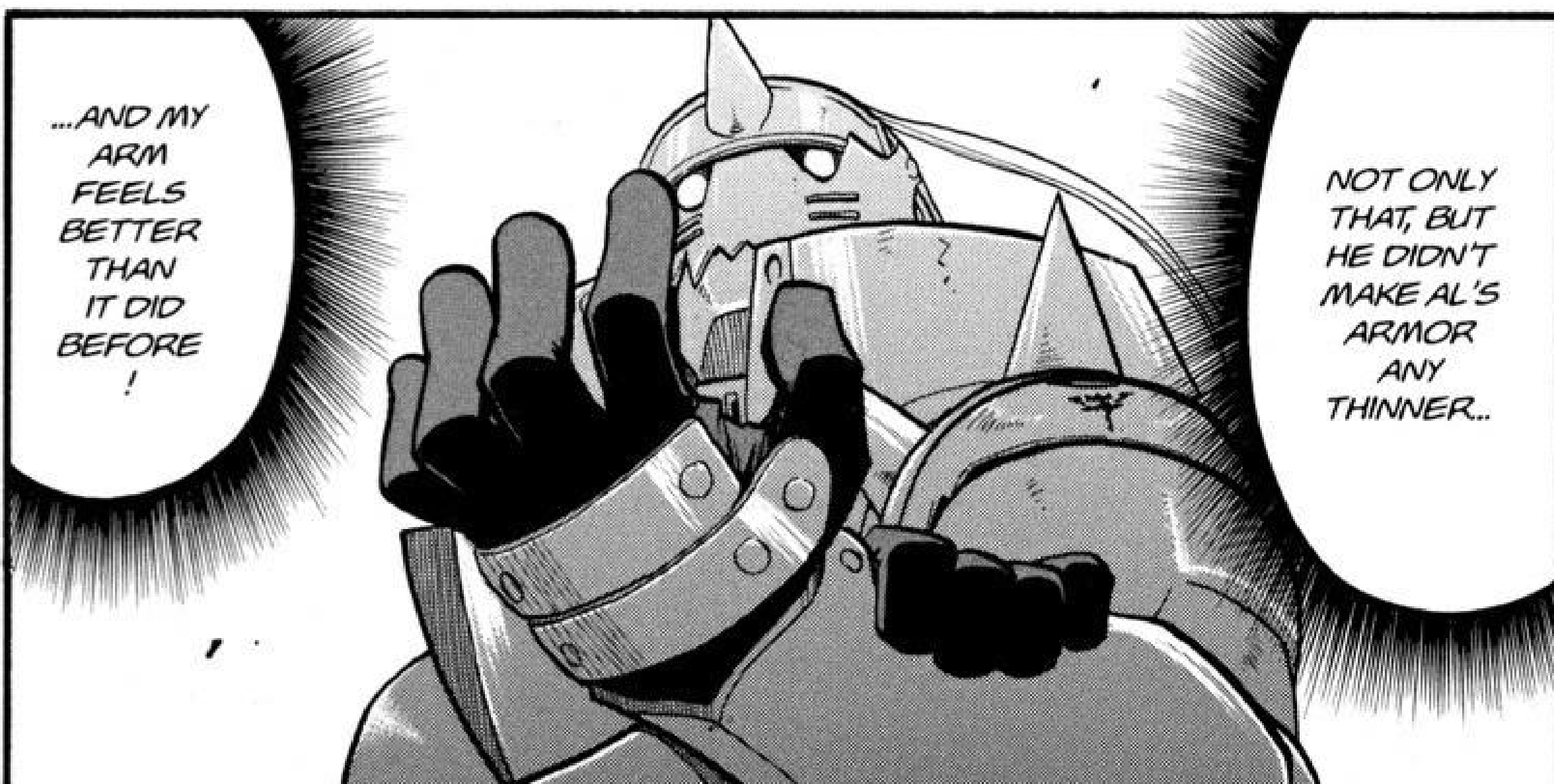


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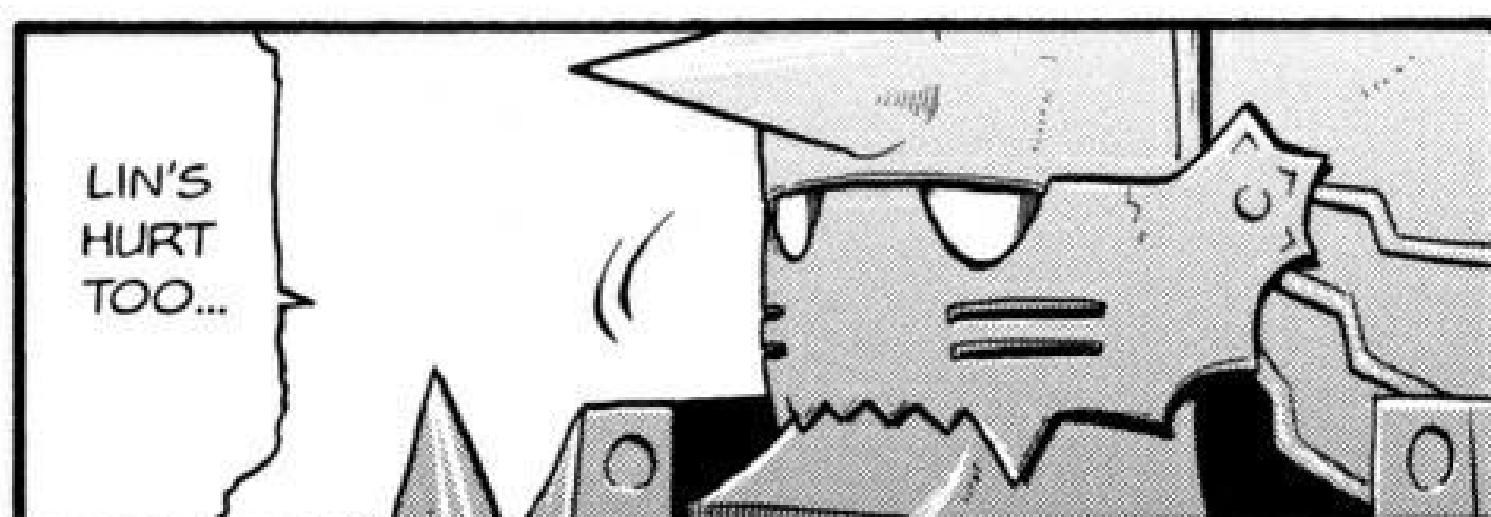
HE
TRANS-
MUTED
WITHOUT
EVEN
MOVING
HIS
HANDS
!!

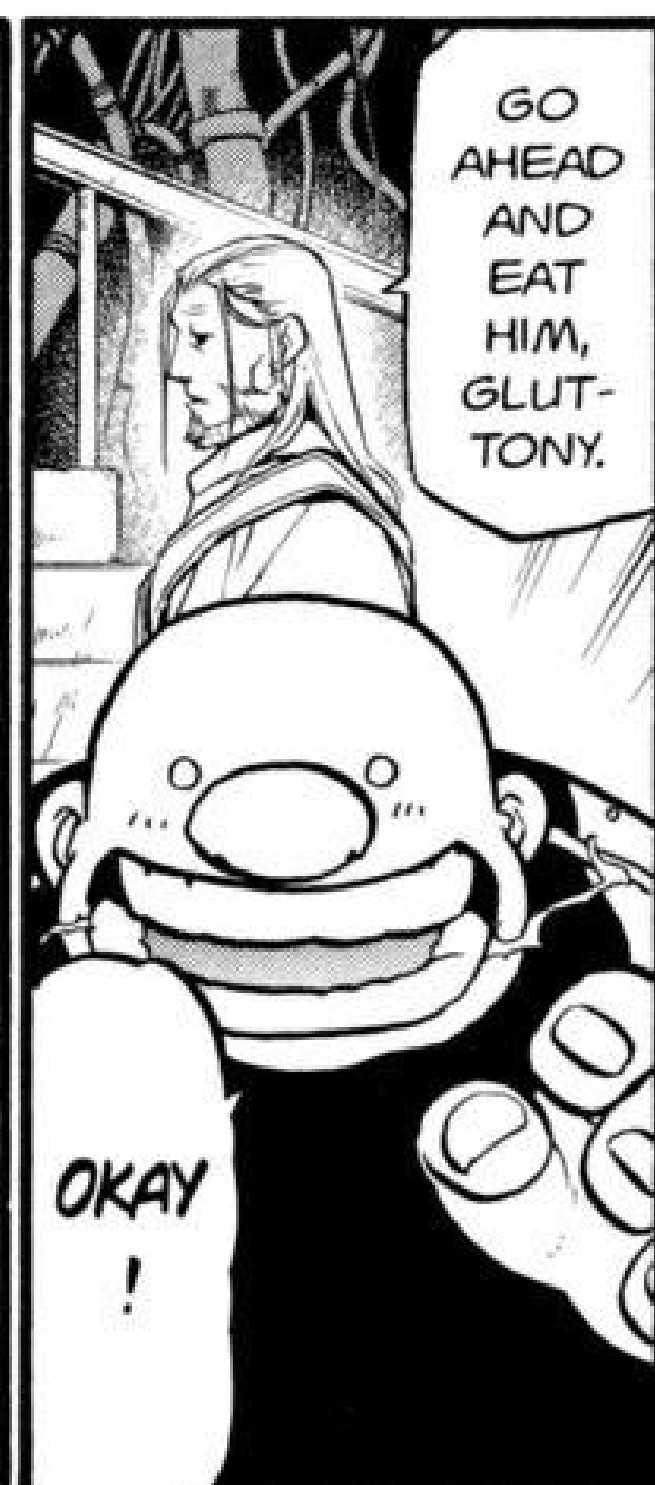
THIS
MAN...



...AND MY
ARM
FEELS
BETTER
THAN
IT DID
BEFORE
!

NOT ONLY
THAT, BUT
HE DIDN'T
MAKE AL'S
ARMOR
ANY
THINNER..







HE'S
USELESS
TO *ME*.

I
DON'T
KNOW
HIM.



YOUR
"FRIEND"?
I
COULDN'T
CARE
LESS.

ALL THAT
MATTERS
IS
WHETHER
YOU SERVE
MY
NEEDS.

WHAT'S A
USELESS
BOY LIKE
THAT DOING
HERE?



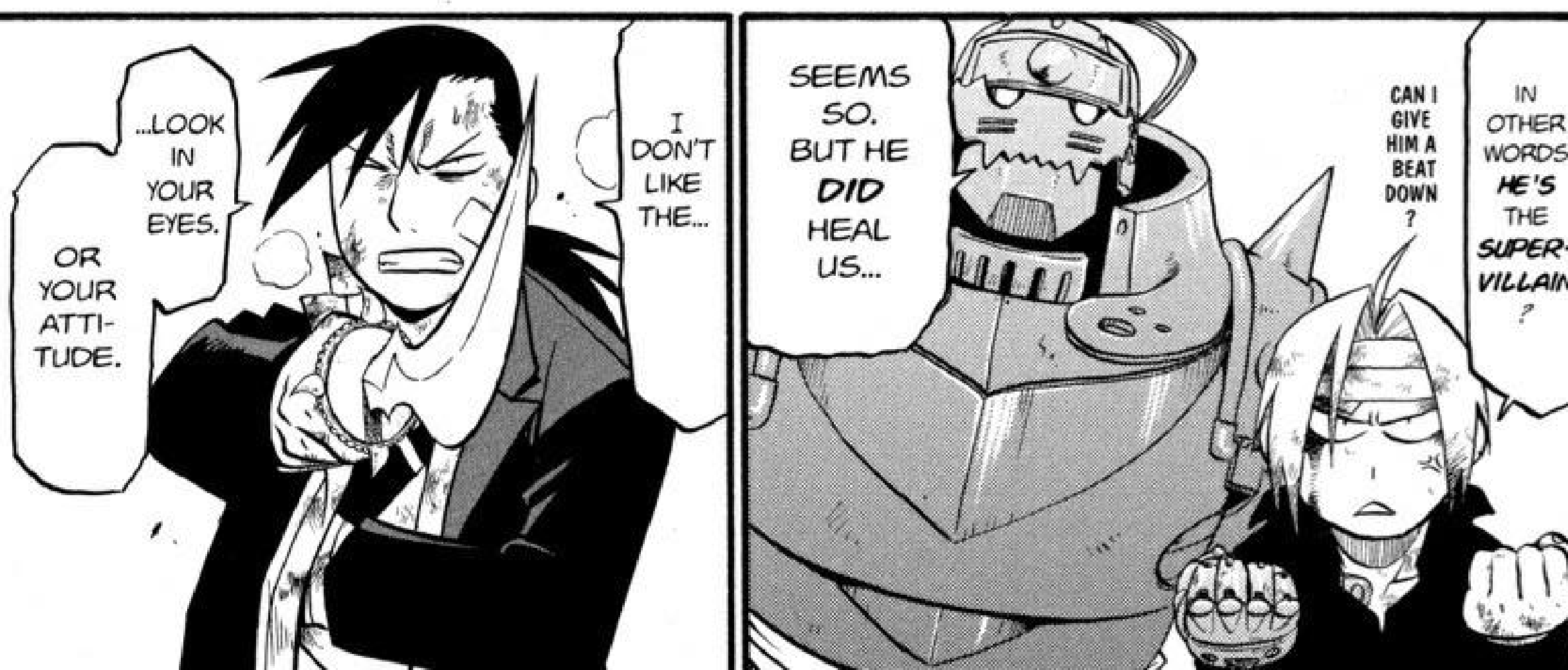
WHAT
!?

THE
HOMUNCULI
CALL
THAT GUY
"FATHER."

HE
MUST
BE THE
ONE
WHO
CREATED
THEM.

BIG
BRO
!

WHAT
!?



...LOOK
IN
YOUR
EYES.

OR
YOUR
ATTI-
TUDE.

I
DON'T
LIKE
THE...

SEEMS
SO.
BUT HE
DID
HEAL
US...

CAN I
GIVE
HIM A
BEAT
DOWN
?

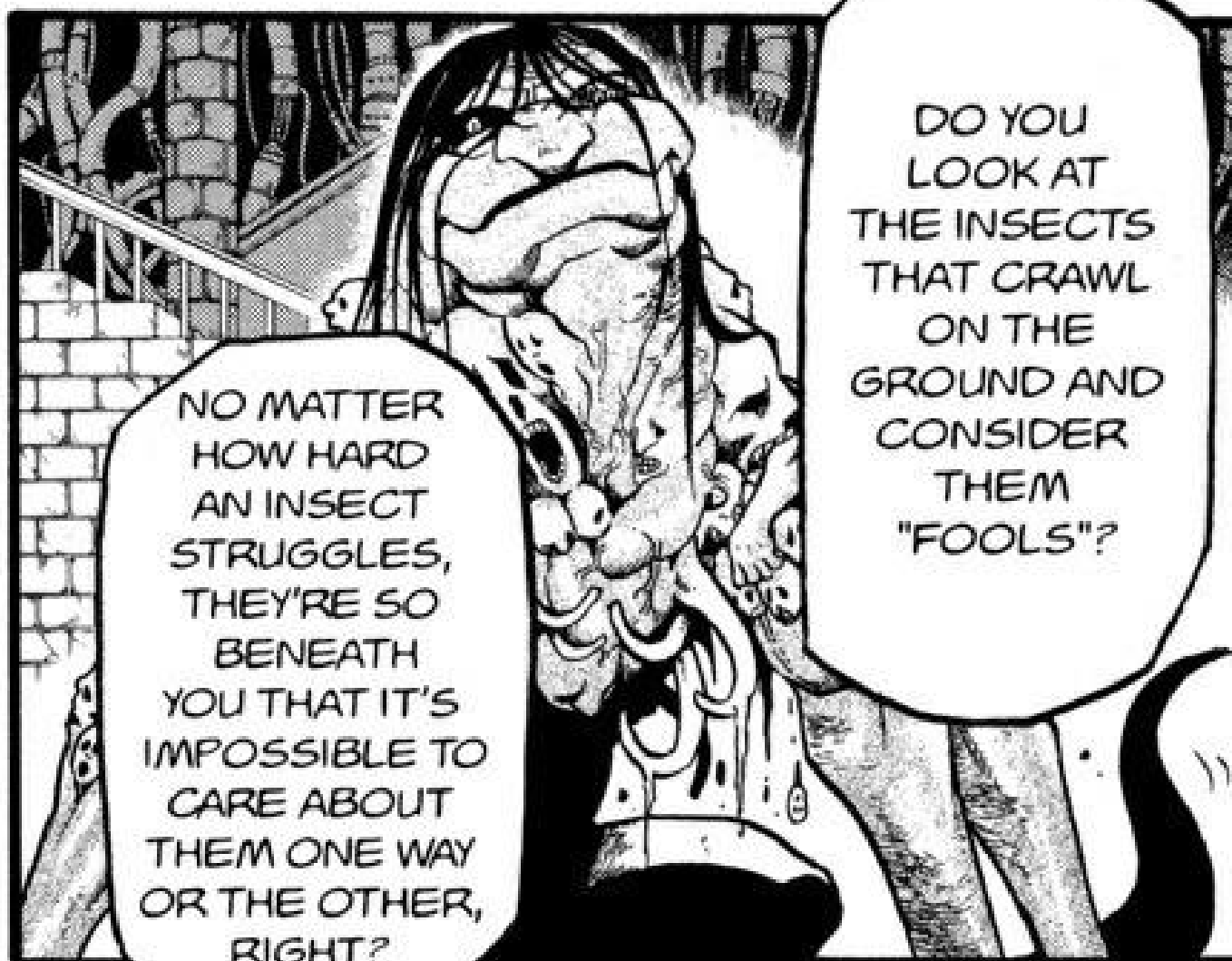
IN
OTHER
WORDS,
HE'S
THE
SUPER-
VILLAIN
?



YOU
HAVE
THAT
SAME
LOOK
IN
YOUR
EYES.

THEY
MOCK US
HUMANS...
CALL
US
"FOOLS."

YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
THE BOSS
OF THE
HOMUNCULI.



NO MATTER
HOW HARD
AN INSECT
STRUGGLES,
THEY'RE SO
BENEATH
YOU THAT IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE TO
CARE ABOUT
THEM ONE WAY
OR THE OTHER,
RIGHT?

DO YOU
LOOK AT
THE INSECTS
THAT CRAWL
ON THE
GROUND AND
CONSIDER
THEM
"FOOLS"?



I
WOULD
NEVER
CALL
YOU
THAT.

"FOOLS"
?



THAT'S
EXACTLY
HOW I
FEEL
ABOUT
YOU
HUMANS.





I DON'T CARE IF YOU DID HEAL OUR WOUNDS, I STILL DON'T LIKE YOU, OLD MAN !!

HOW DARE YOU --!!



IF YOU WANNA SHOOT THE GENERAL THEN YOU SHOULD JUST SHOOT THE GENERAL!!

HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF THE SAYING "IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT THE GENERAL, FIRST SHOOT THE HORSE!!"?

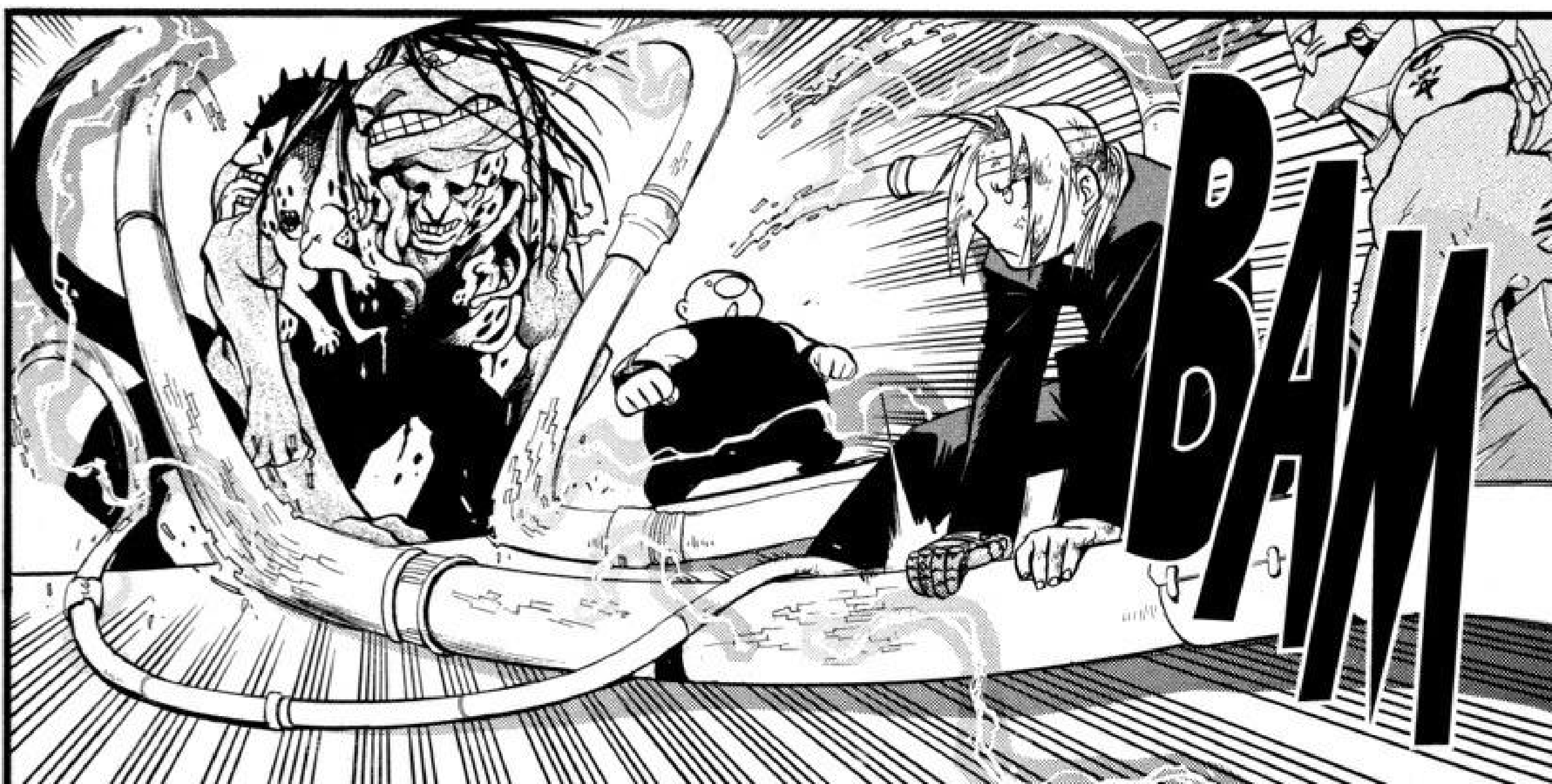
HUH!? THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH TROUBLE !!

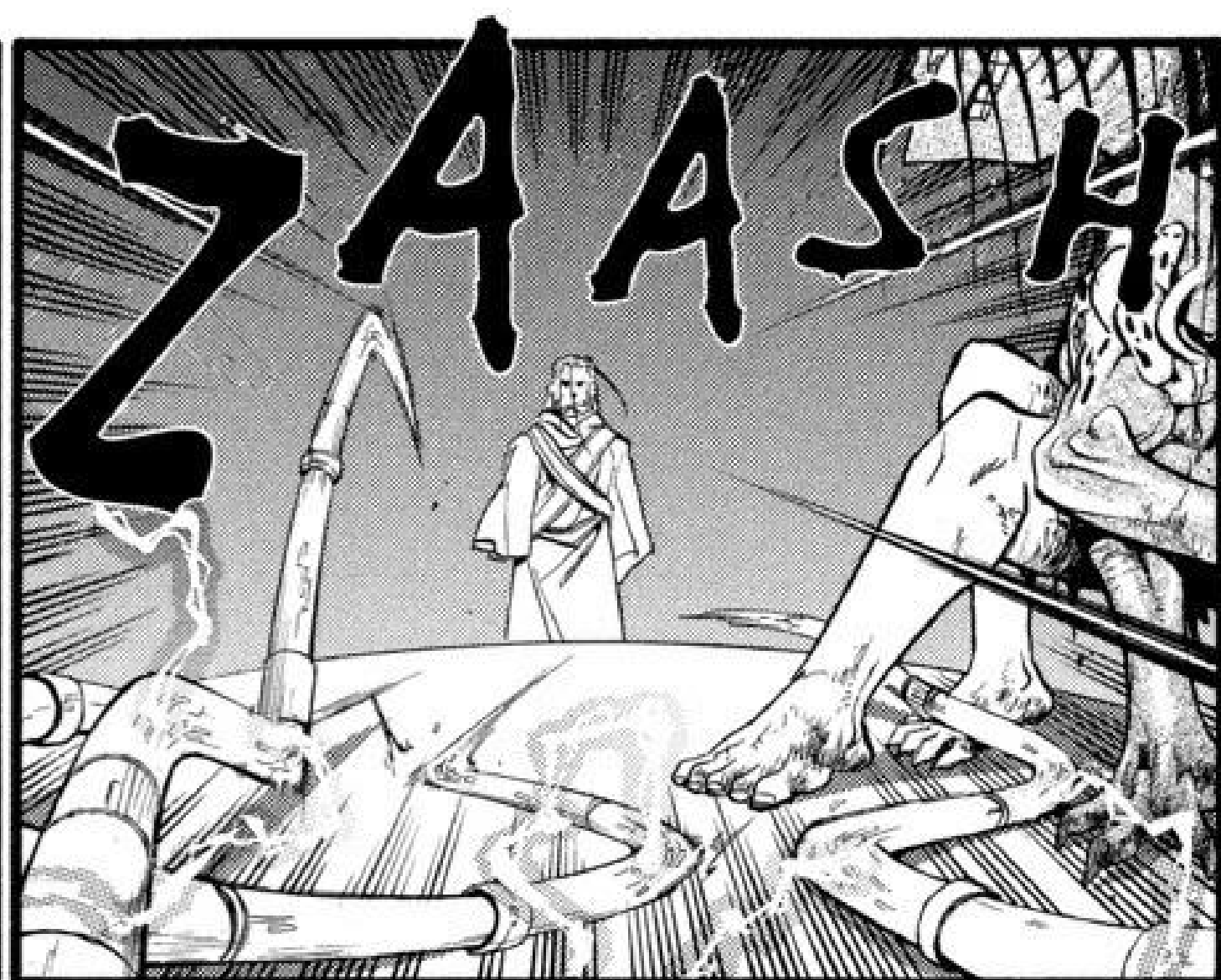
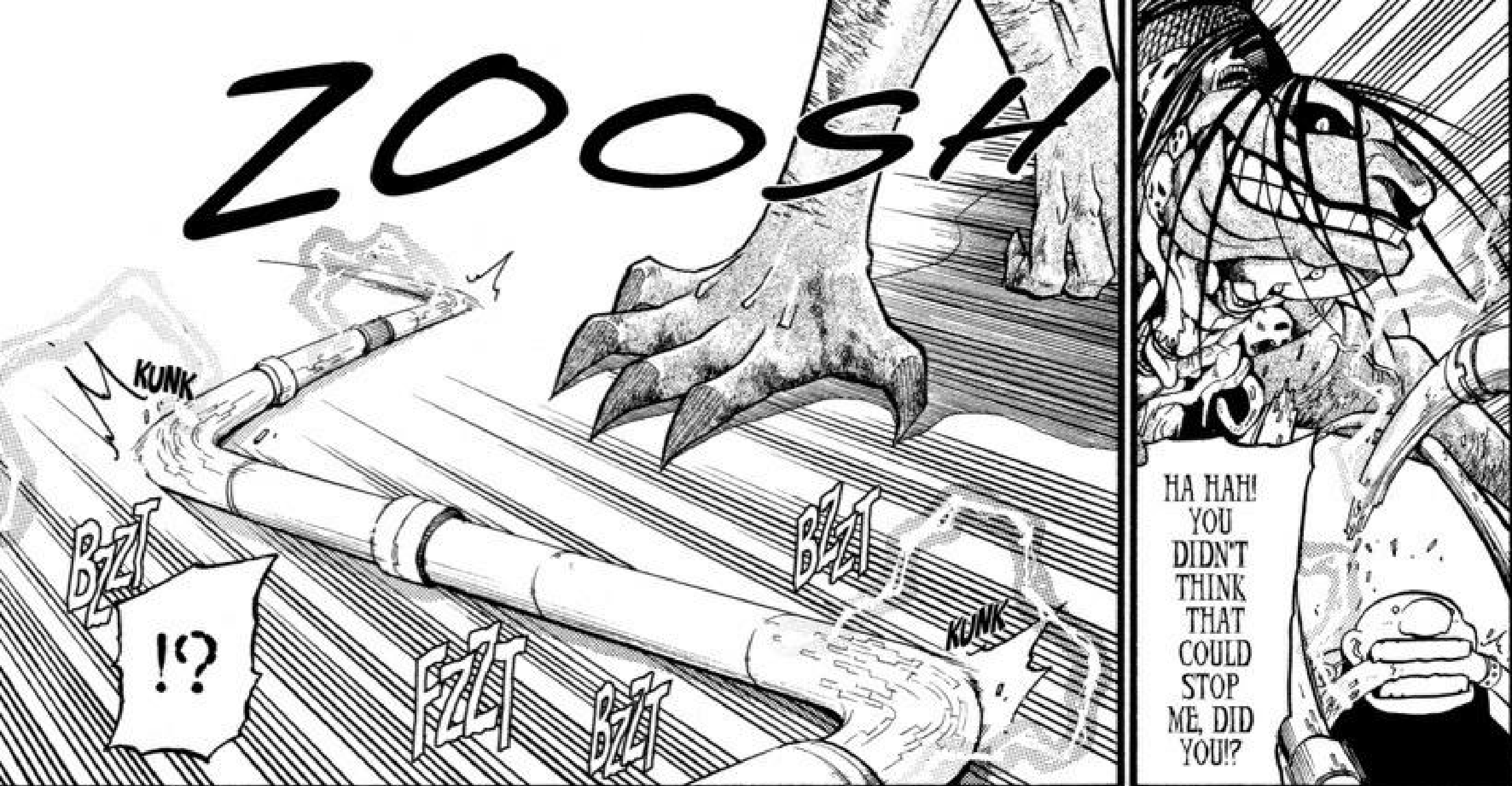
ED, WAIT! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! WE NEED A PLAN--



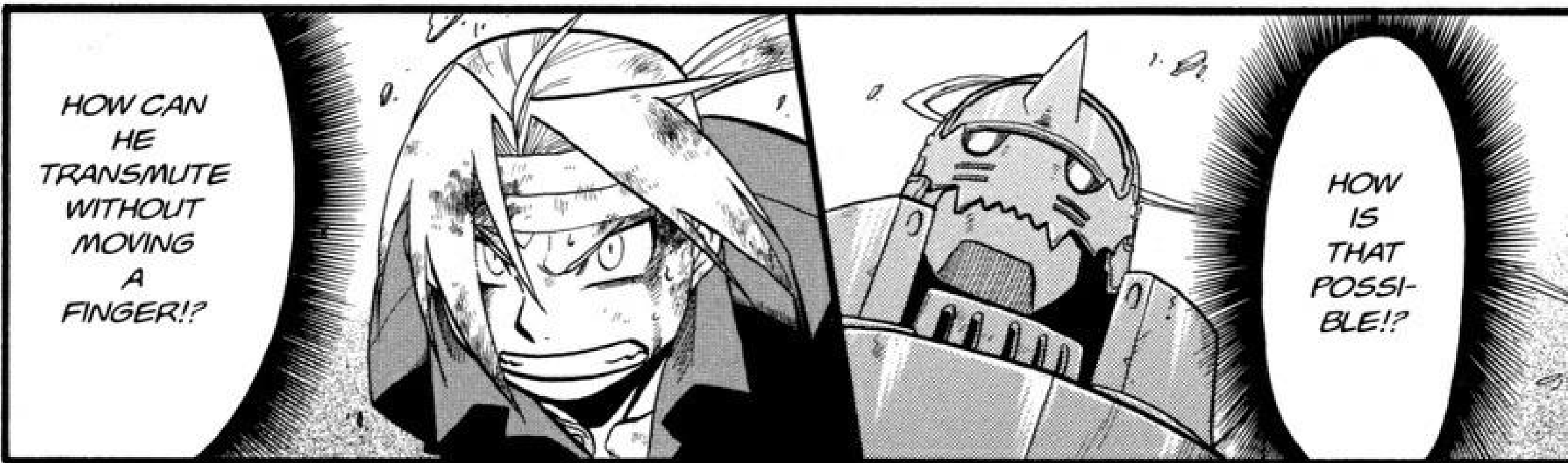
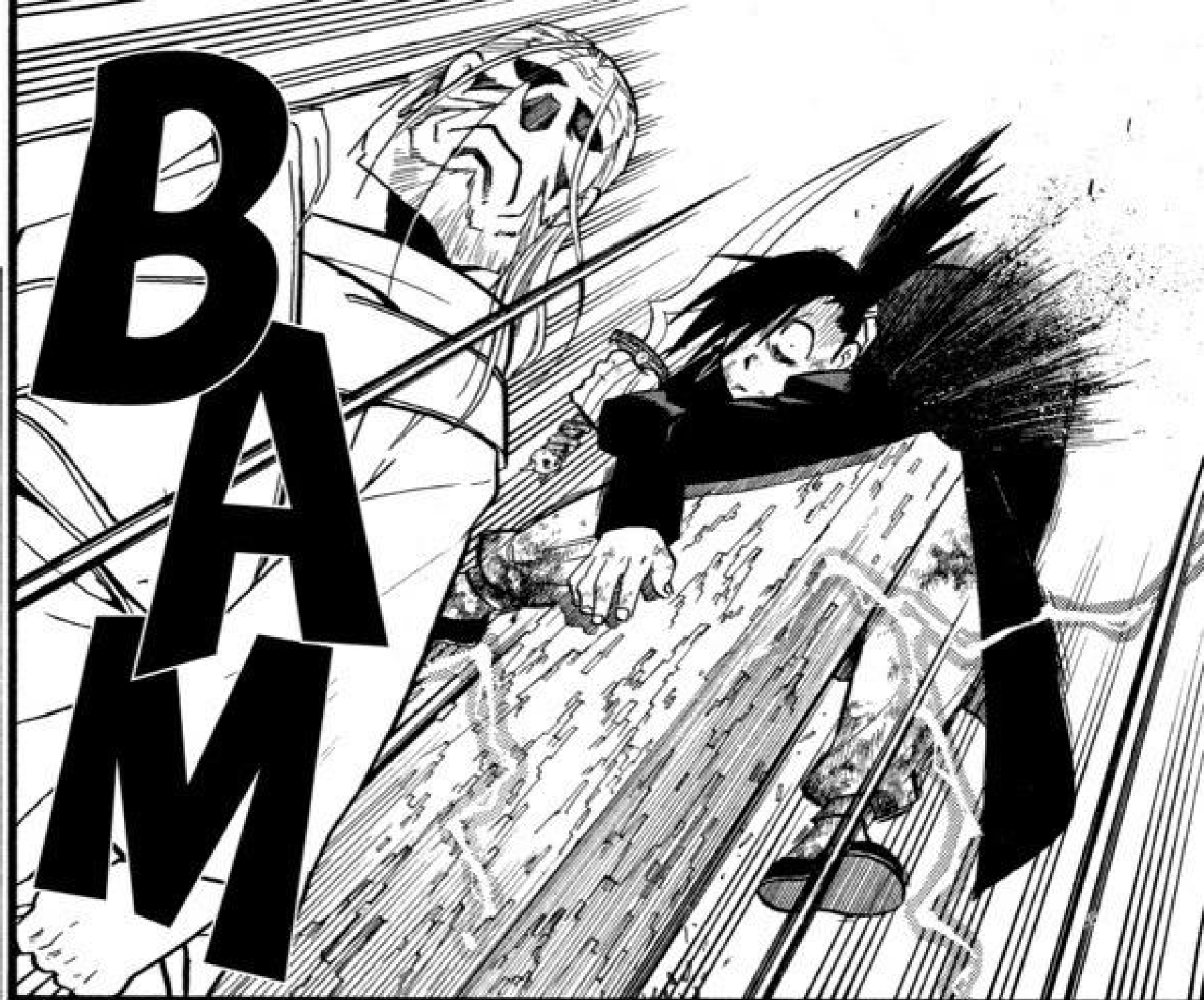
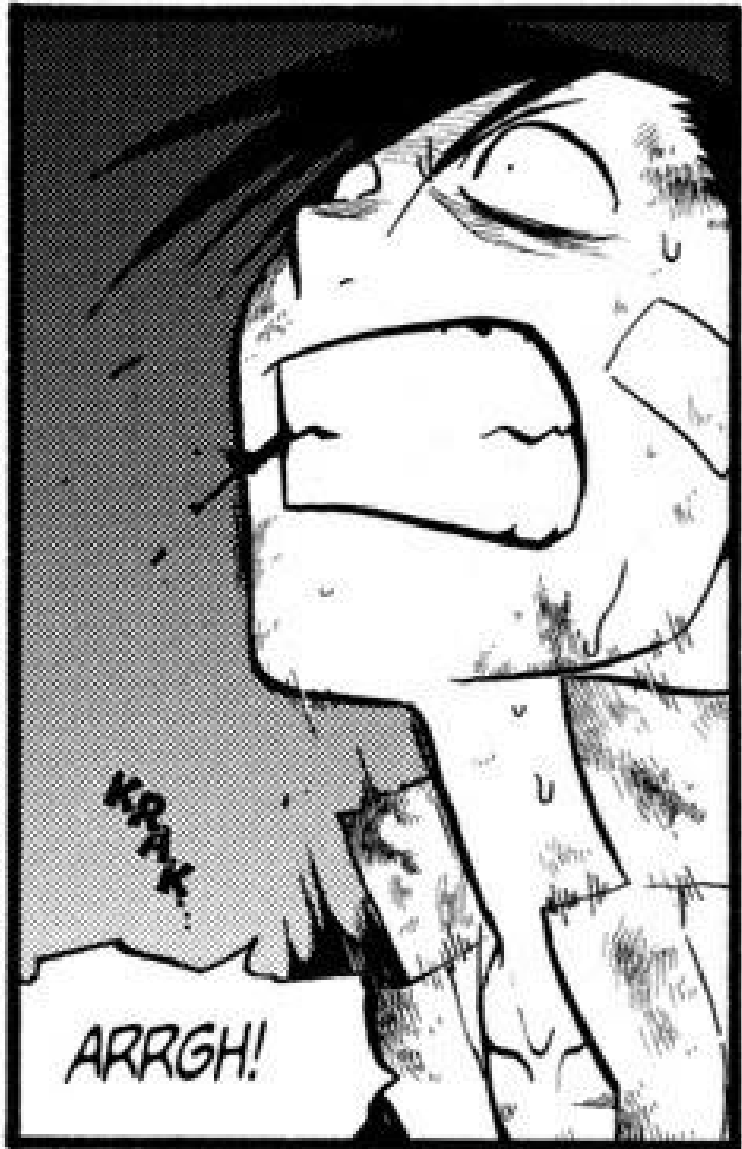
WHAT-EVER YOU ARE, YOU'RE THE ROOT OF ALL THIS EVIL!

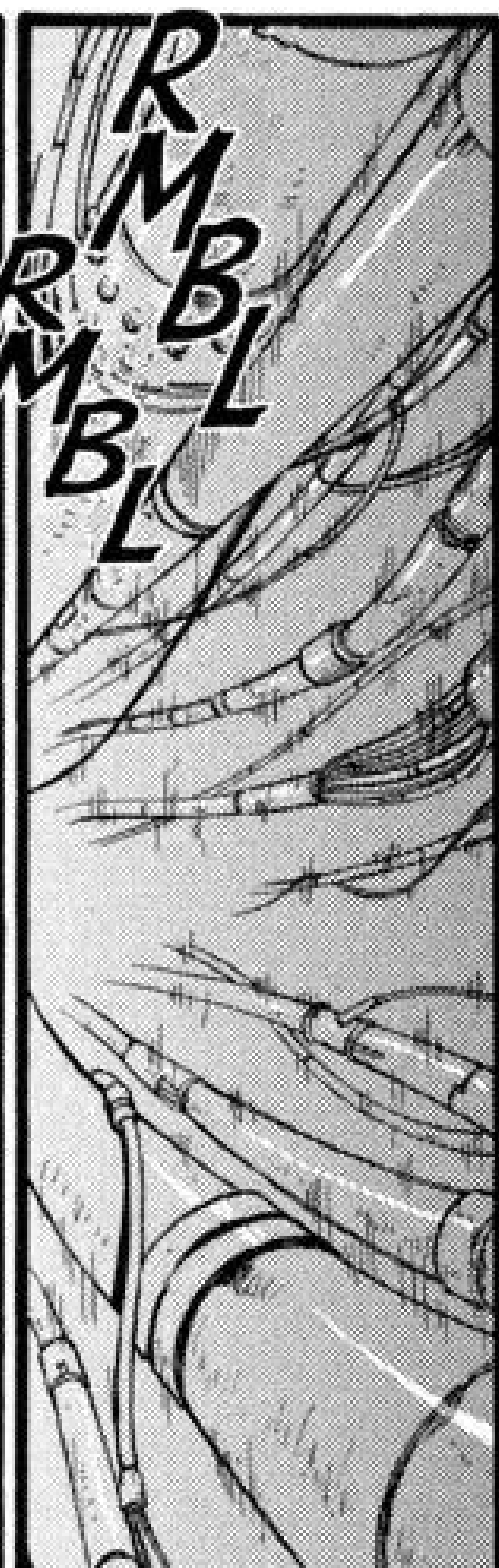
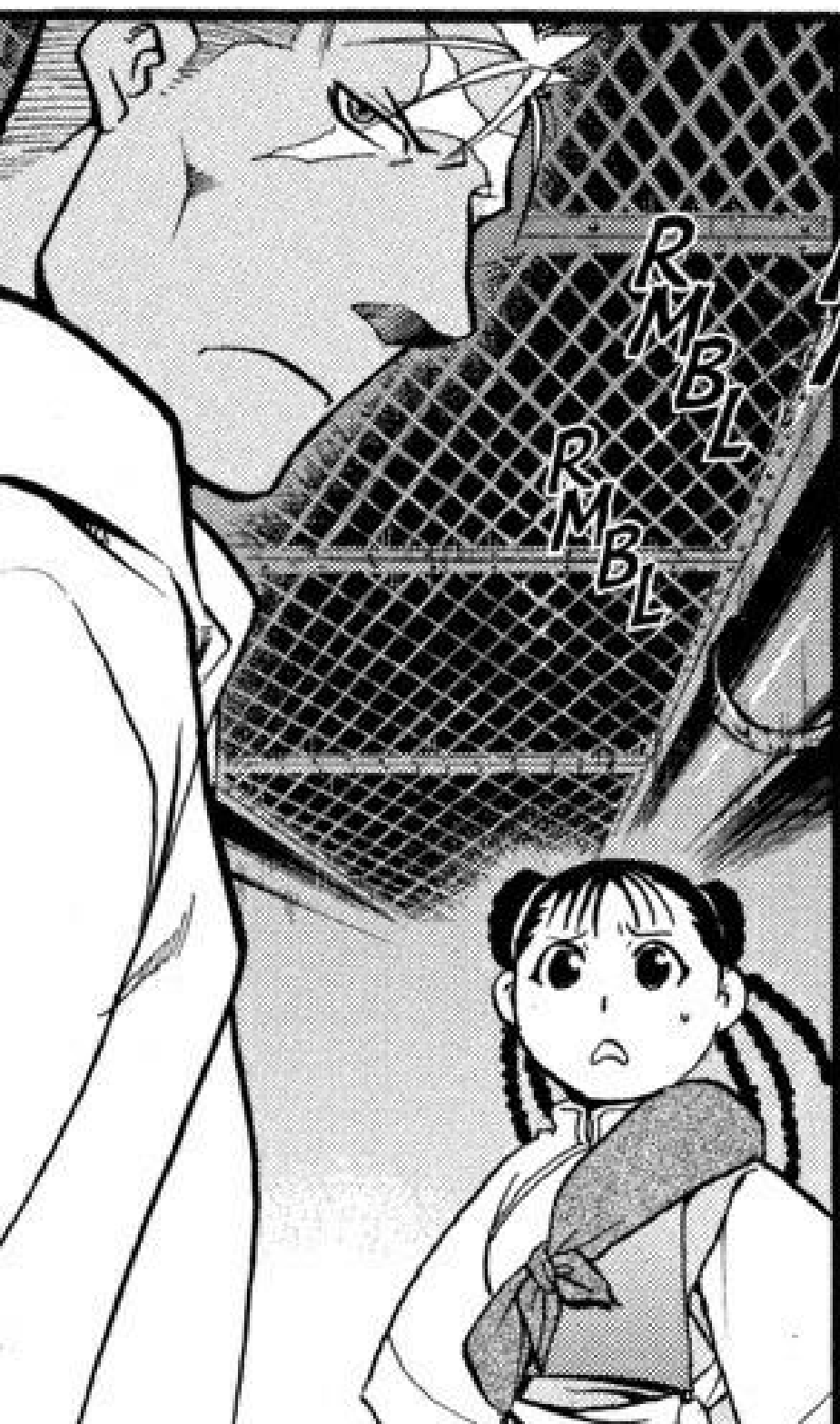
I'M GONNA FINISH YOU OFF SO WE CAN GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!!



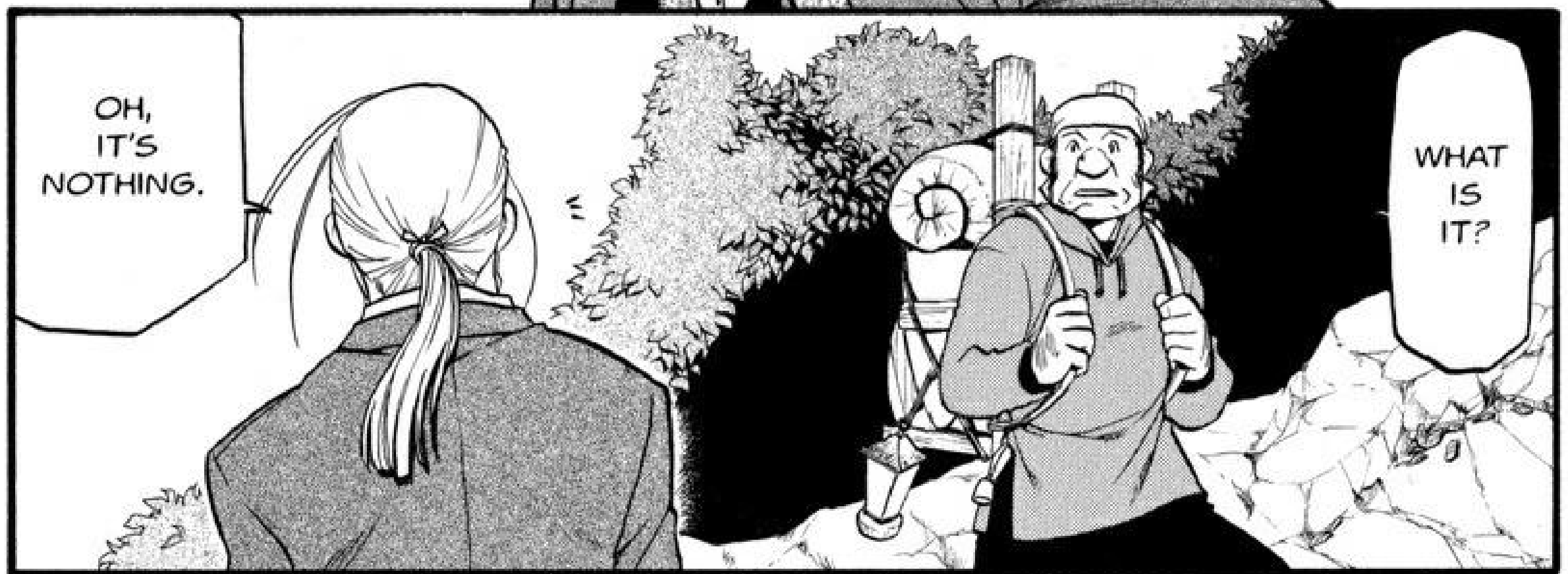












OH,
IT'S
NOTHING.

WHAT
IS
IT?



HURRY
UP
THEN.



OKAY,
OKAY.

TMP
TMP TMP

IF WE
DON'T
HURRY,
THE SUN
WILL SET
BEFORE
WE GET
THERE.



IT'S RIGHT
ON THE
OTHER
SIDE OF
THIS
MOUNTAIN.

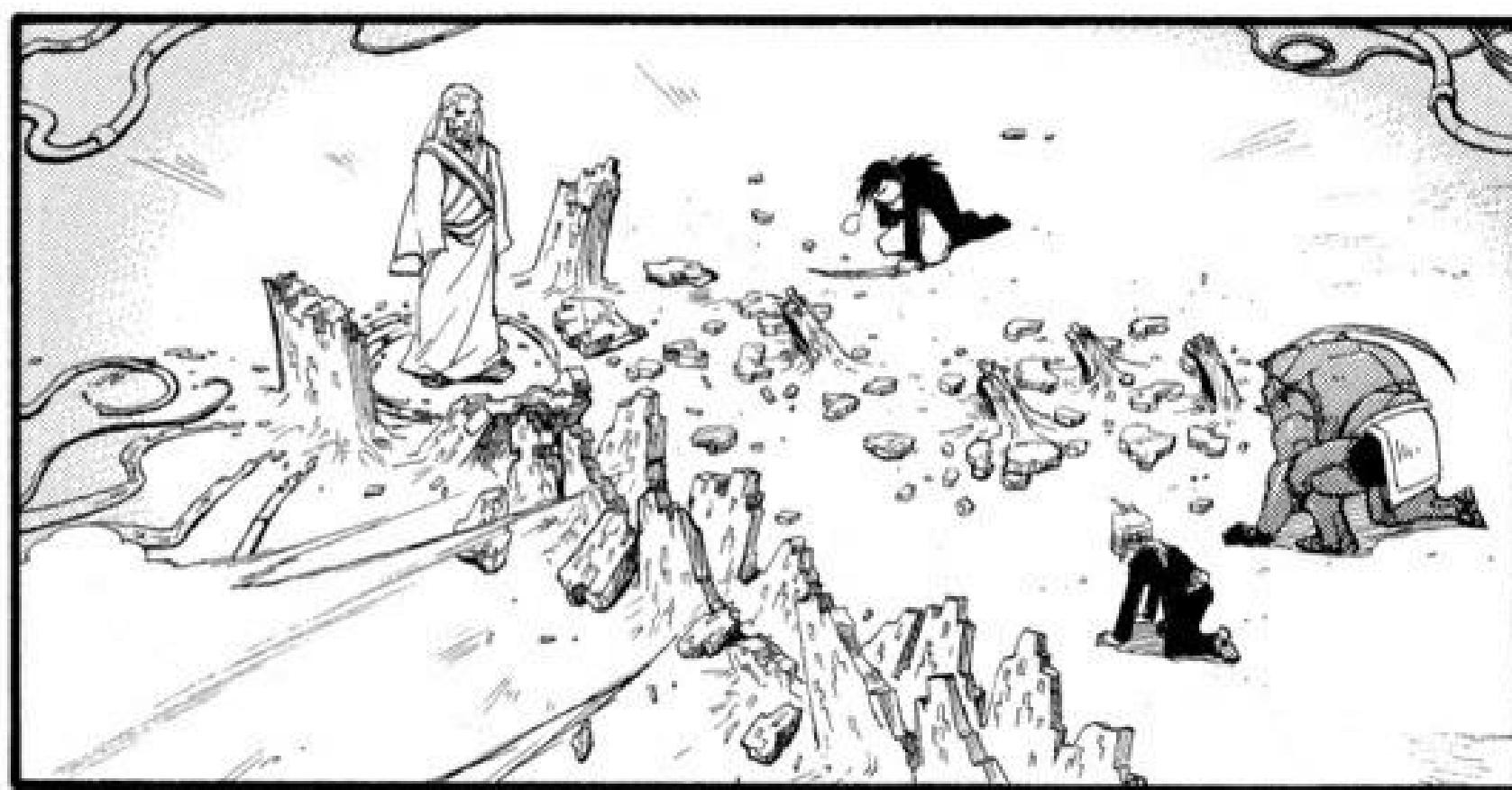
HOW
MUCH
FUR-
THER
IS
IT?

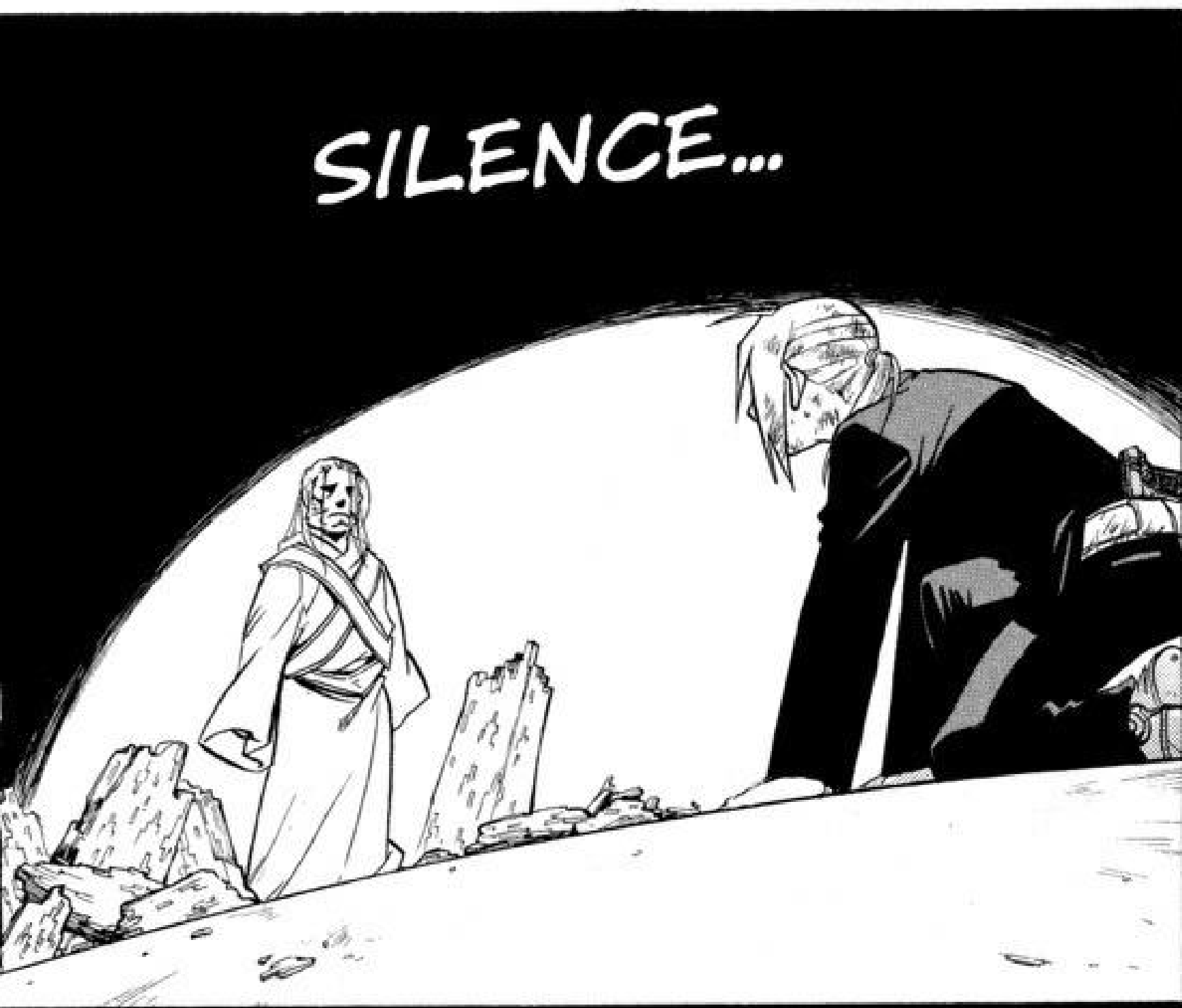
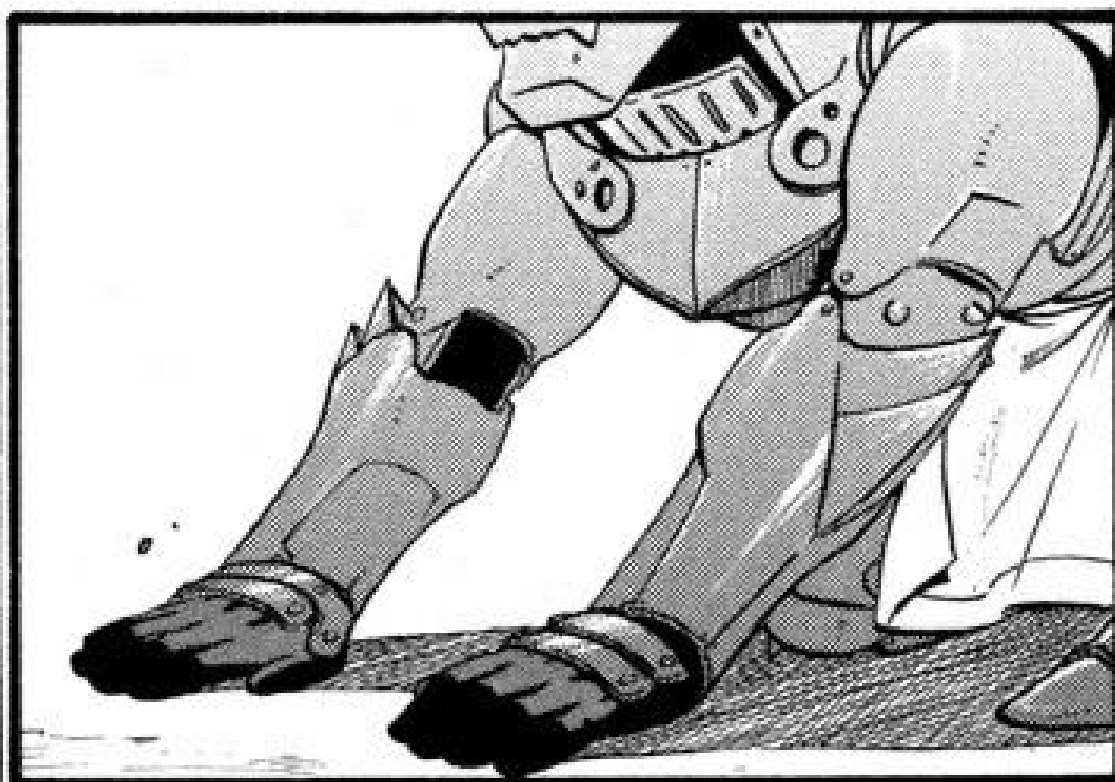
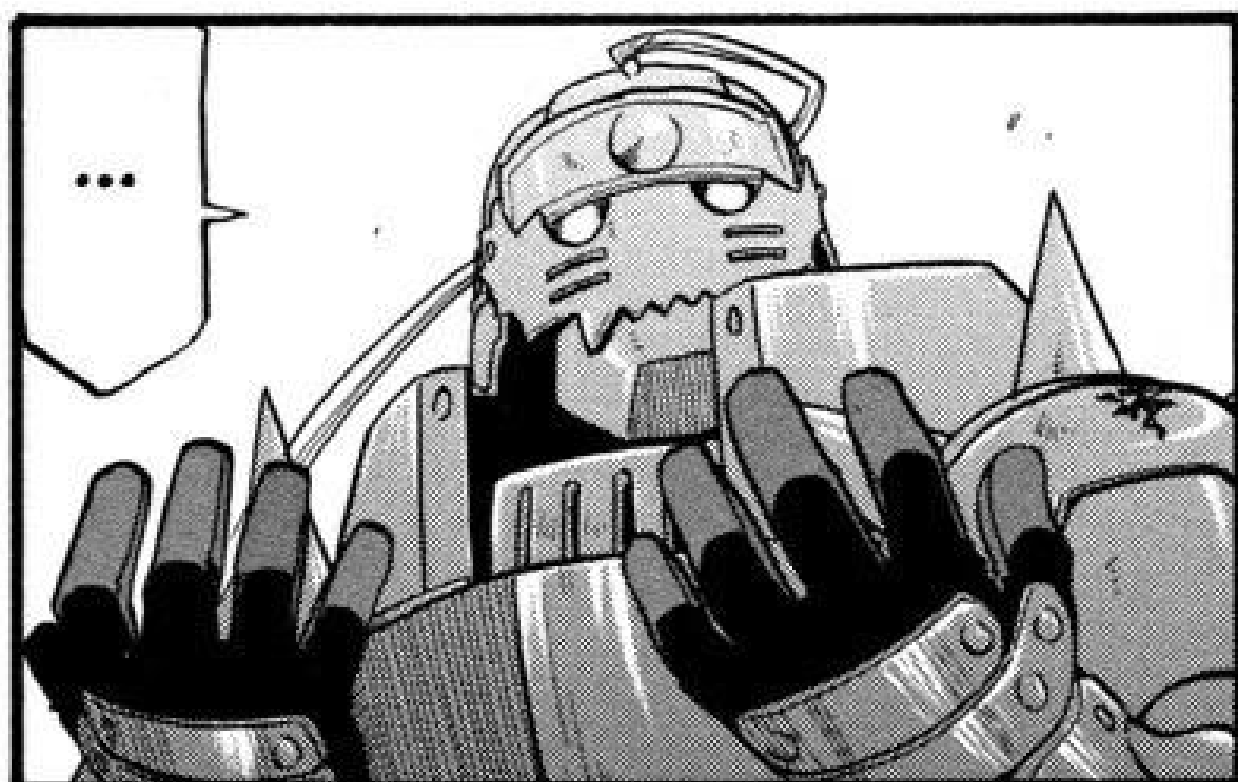


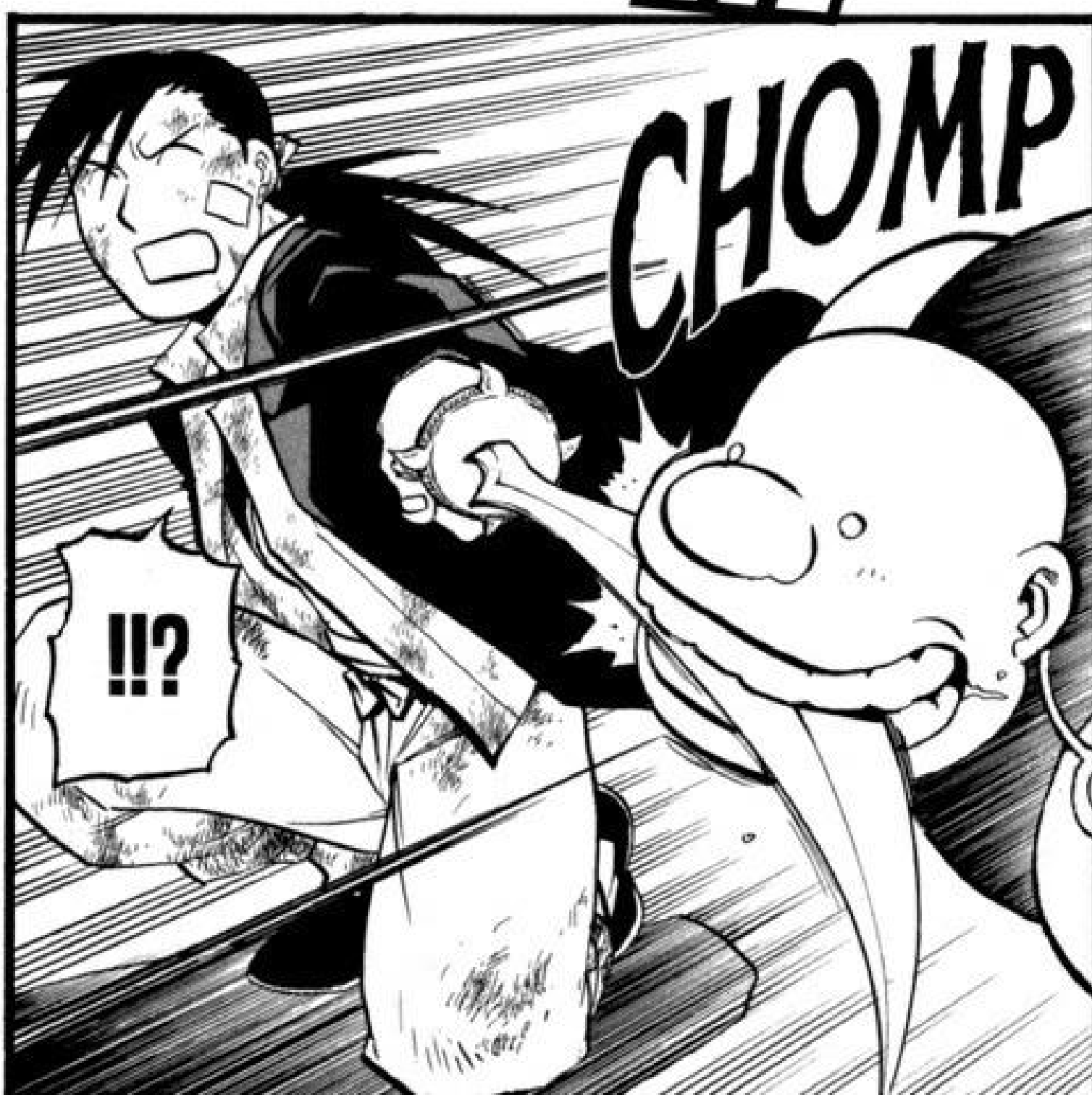
HA
HA HA.
THAT'S
GOOD.

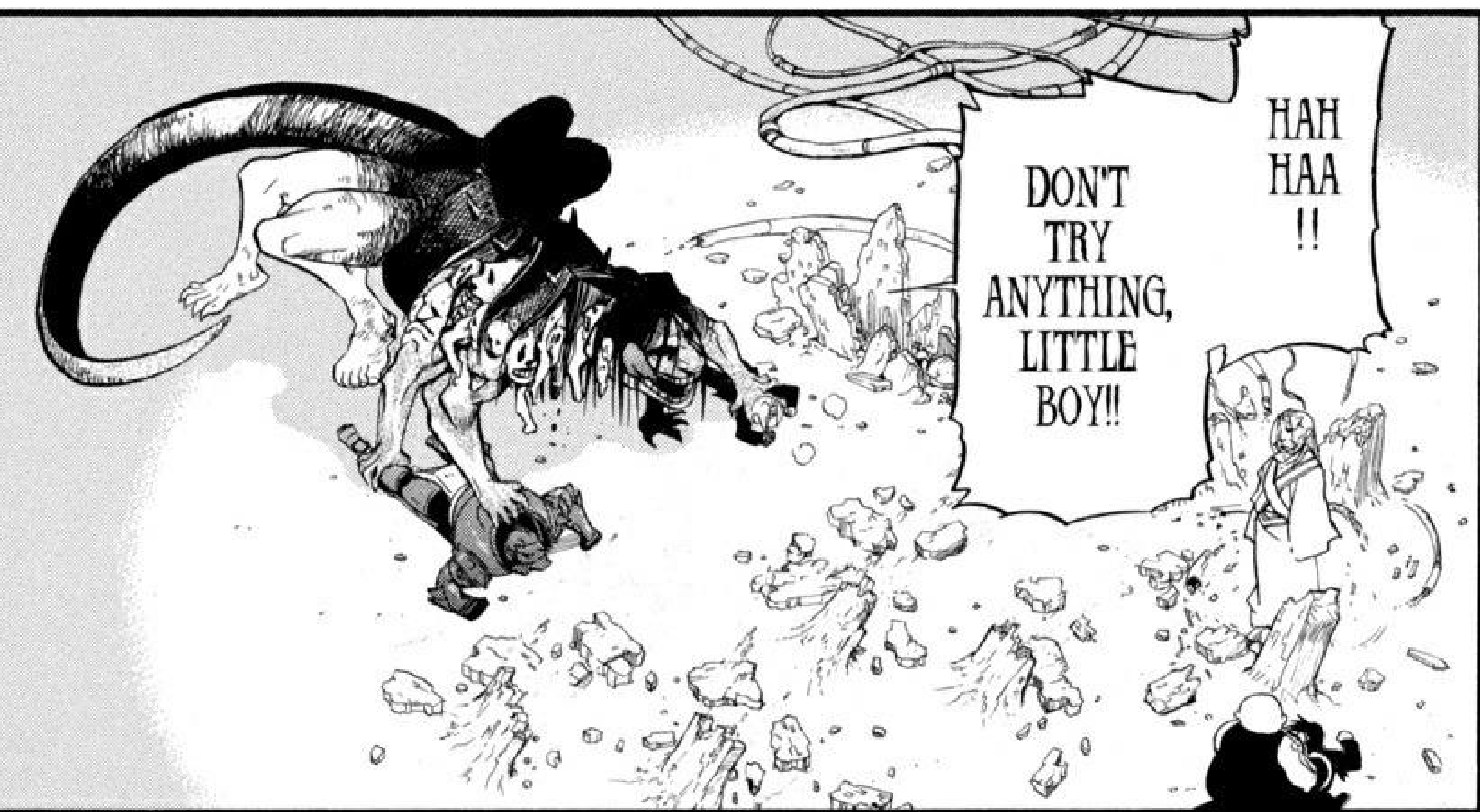
THERE'S
NOTHING
AT THE
SPOT YOU
MARKED
WITH AN
X!

WHAT
ARE YOU
GONNA
DO OUT
HERE IN
THE
MOUN-
TAINS
ANYWAY?









YOU
PITIFUL
LOWER
LIFE
FORMS...

HEH
HEH...

WHY...?
WHY
ISN'T
IT
WORKING
!?

WHILE IN
TRUTH, YOU
HAVE NO
CONCEPT
OF THE
FORCES
YOU'RE
PLAYING
WITH.

YOU GET
A TINY
TASTE OF
POWER
AND YOU
THINK YOU
CONTROL
THE
WORLD.

YOU EVEN
HAVE THE
AUDACITY TO
BELIEVE THAT
YOU ARE IN
CONTROL OF
THAT POWER,
HARNESSING
IT FOR YOUR
OWN ENDS.

NEVER
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
THE
FOOLISH-
NESS
OF
HUMANITY
!!

WHAT
A
LAUGH
!!



YOU PROMISED
YOU'D TELL ME
AS SOON AS
WE GOT OUT
OF GLUTTONY'S
BELLY!!

WHAT
ARE YOU
BASTARDS
PLANNING
!?



YOU
TALK
TOO
MUCH,
ENVY.

OKAY,
OKAY.



I DON'T
REMEMBER
MAKING ANY
PROMISES
TO YOU
INSECTS.

HUH?
WHY
YOU--
!!

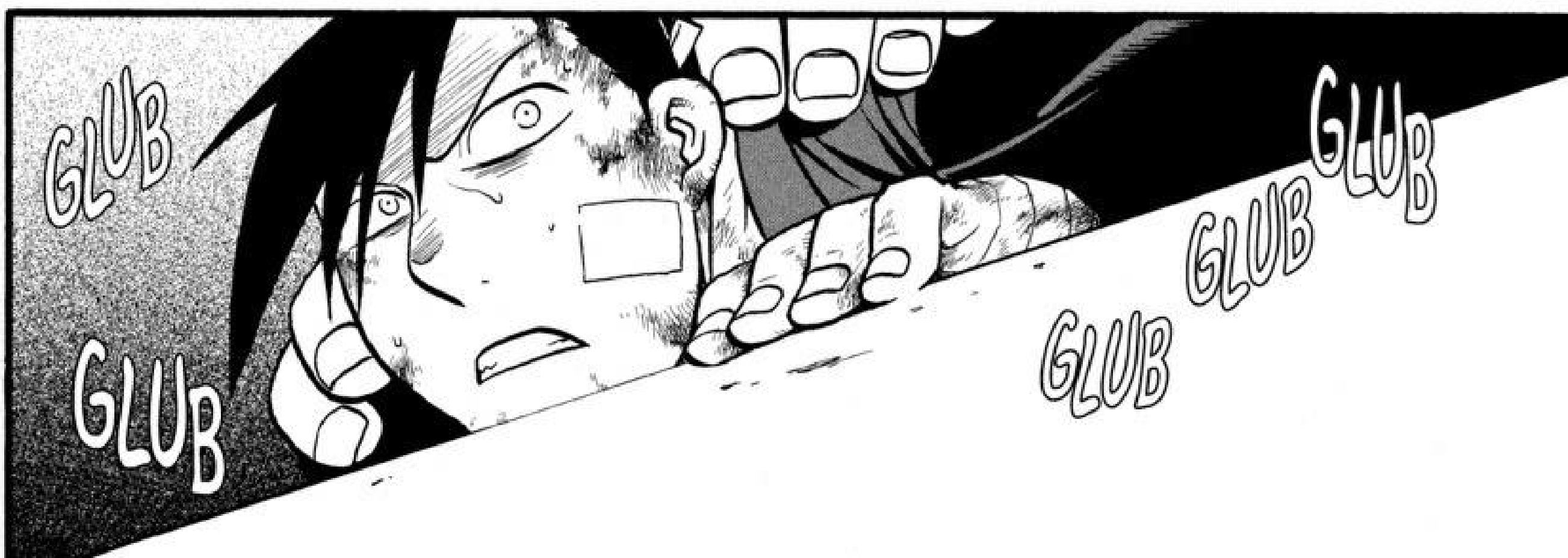
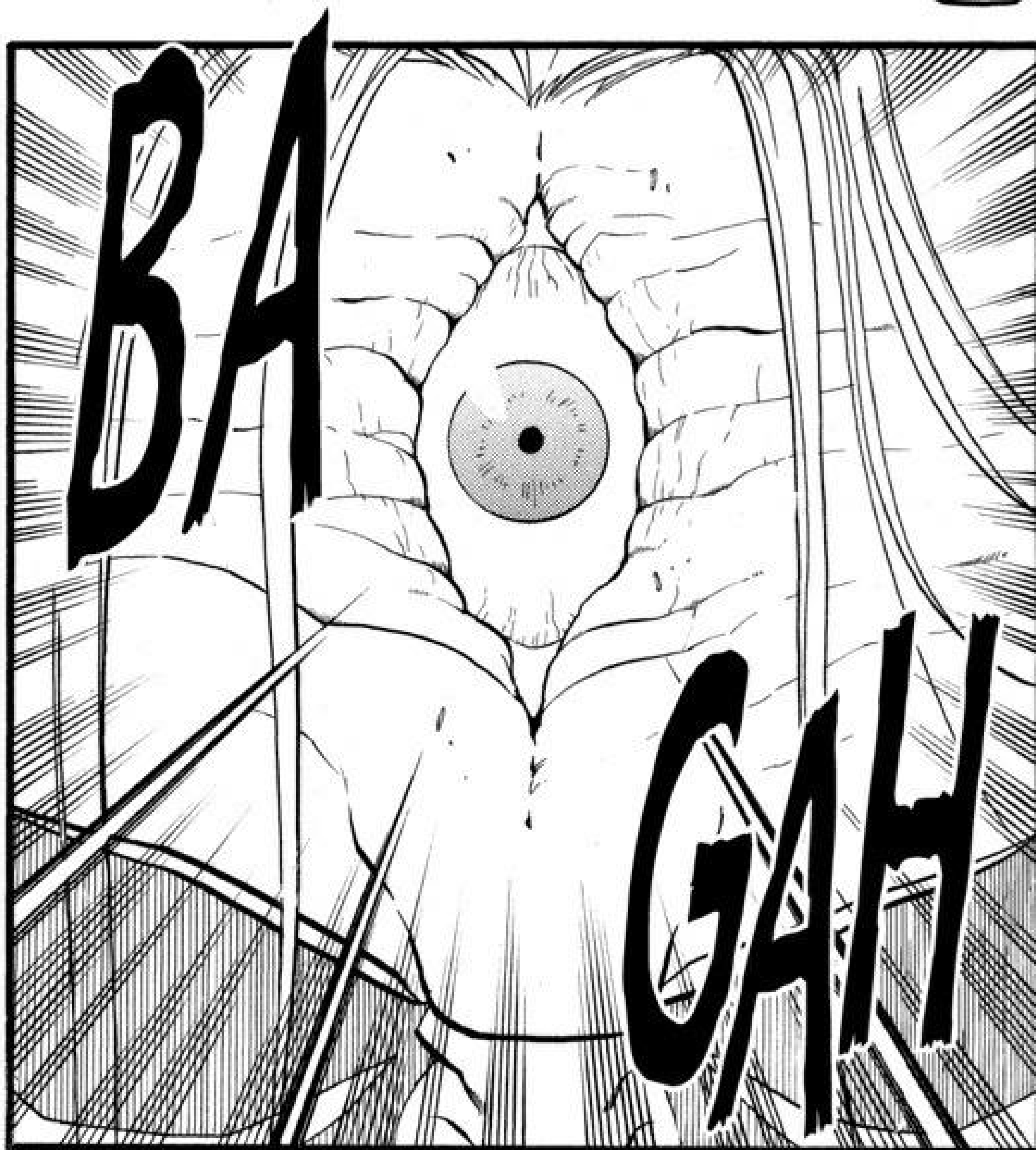


IT'S
DISGRACEFUL
THAT YOU'VE
ALLOWED
THESE
HUMANS TO
INFILTRATE
US THIS FAR,
GLUTTONY.



OH
DEAR...

OUR
GUESTS
HAVE
TRULY
DEMO-
LISHED
MY
HOUSE.





AND IT
JUST SO
HAPPENS...

...THAT
GREED'S
POSITION
IS
CURRENTLY
VACANT.



POOK





..THE
PHILOS-
OPHER'S
STONE!

GASP!

THAT
RED
STUFF...



!?

AH! SO
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
GOING
TO DO,
FATHER?



THE
PHILOS-
OPHER'S
STONE
!?

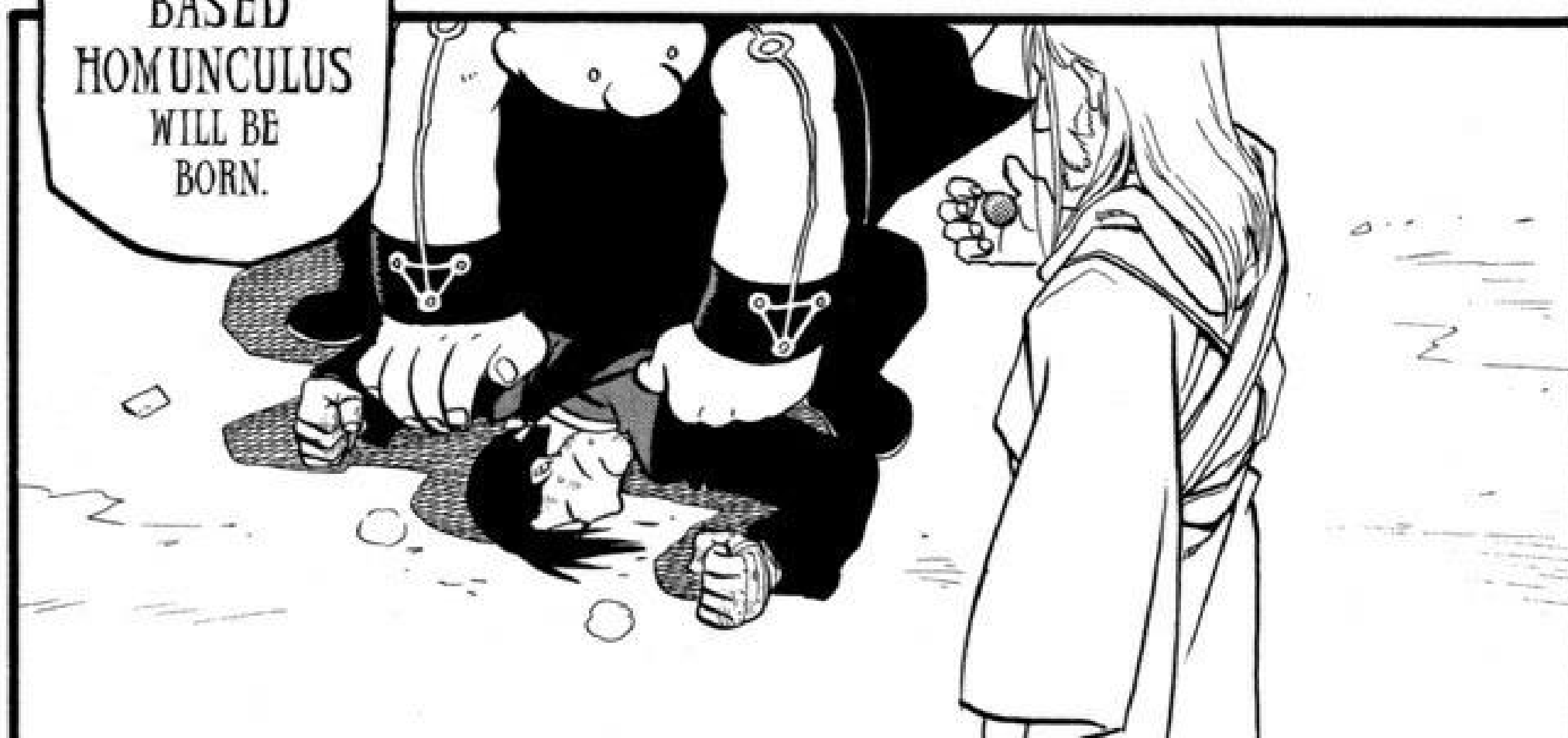


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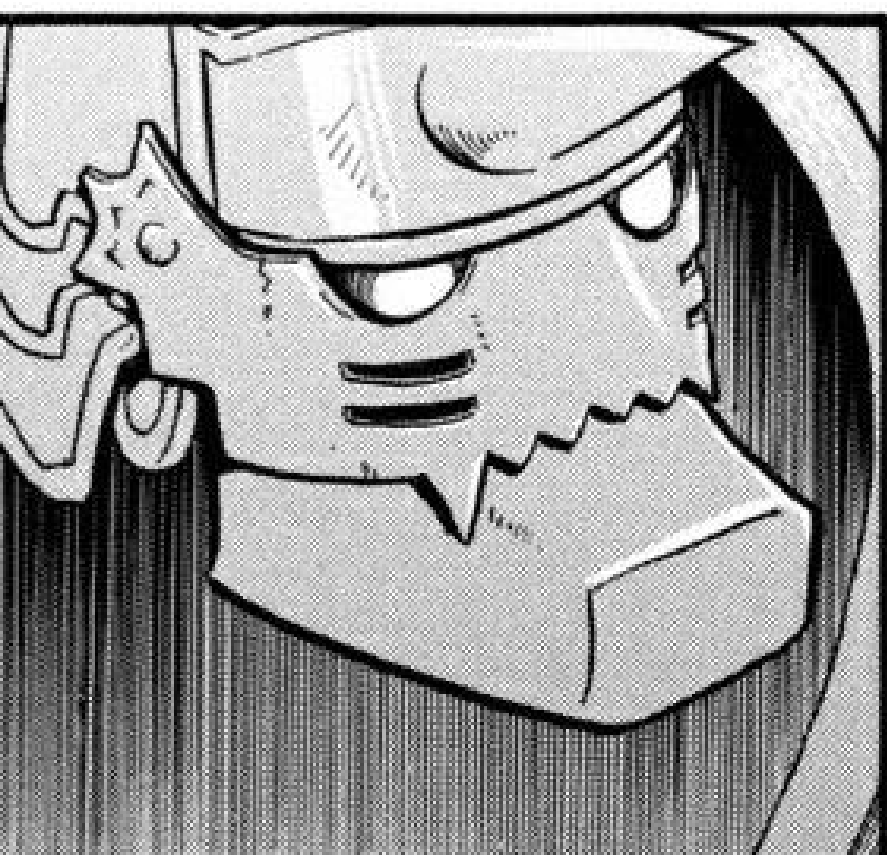
...DIRECTLY
INTO
YOUR
FRIEND'S
BLOOD-
STREAM.



HE'S
GONNA
PUT THE
PHILOS-
OPHER'S
STONE...



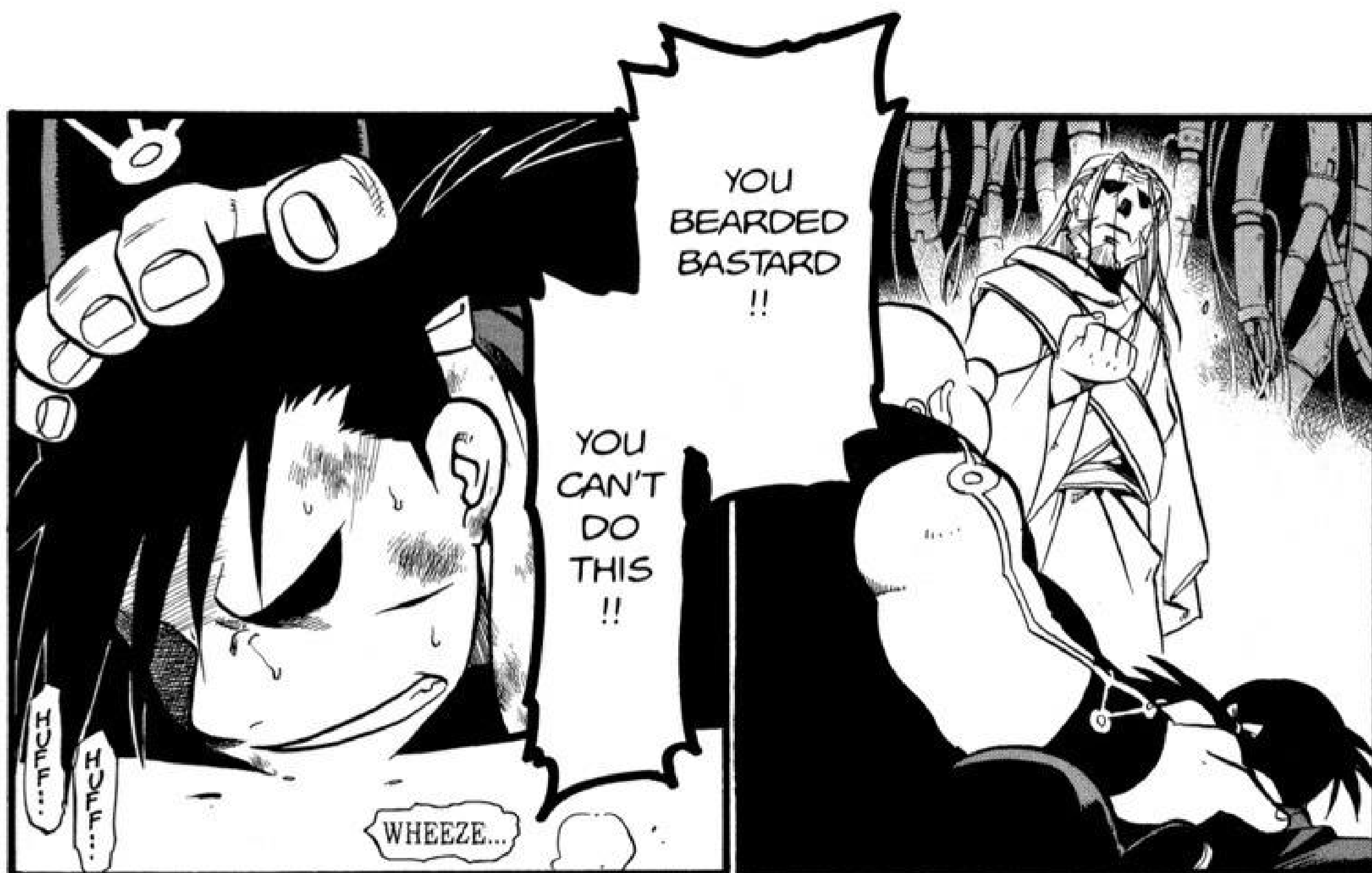
IF ALL
GOES WELL,
A HUMAN-
BASED
HOMUNCULUS
WILL BE
BORN.

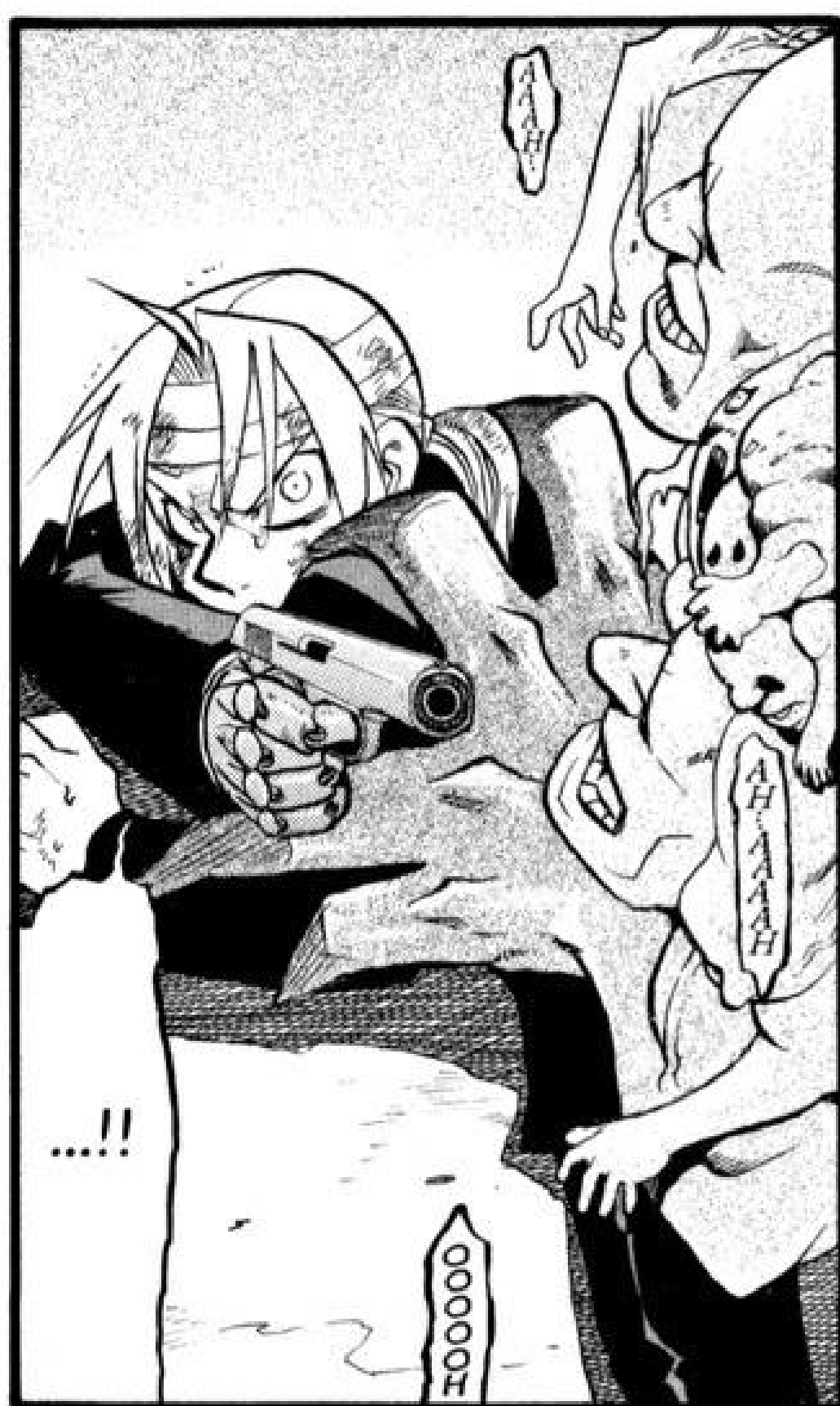




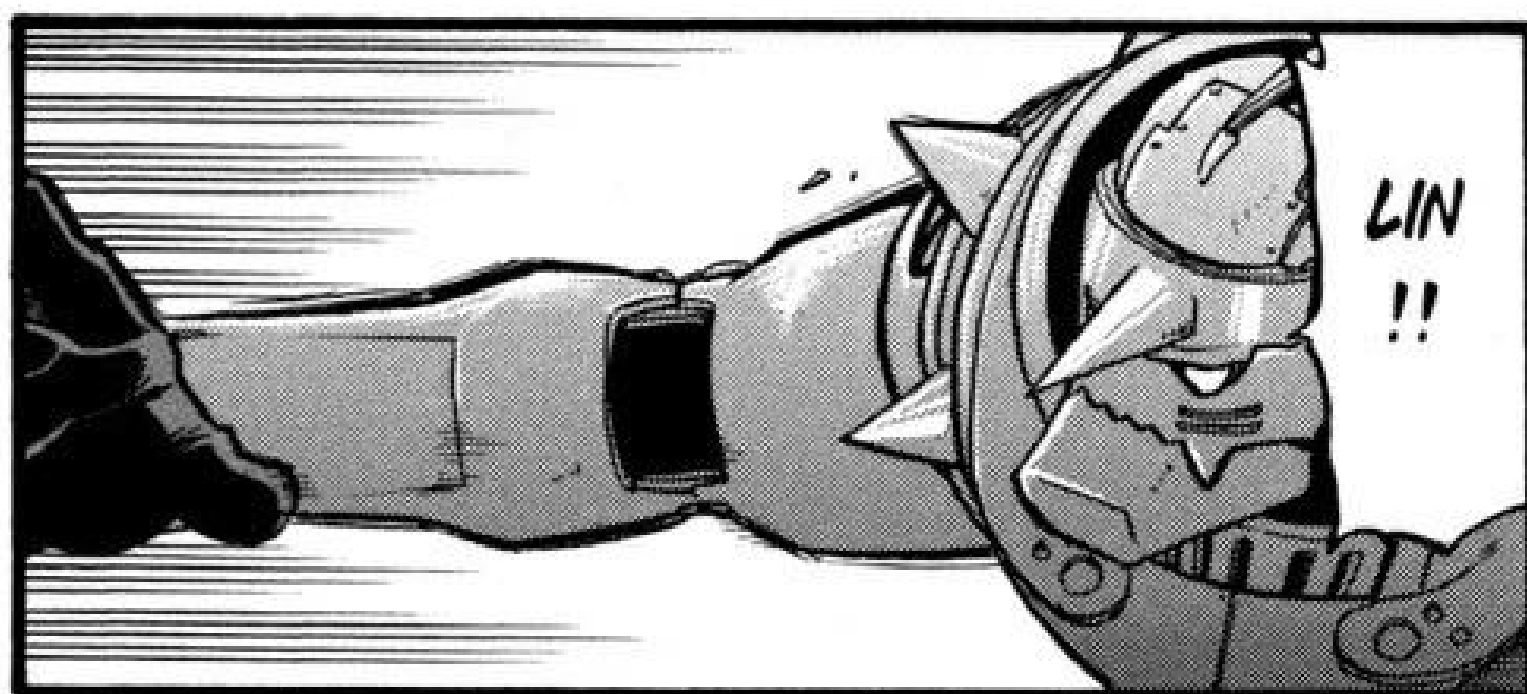
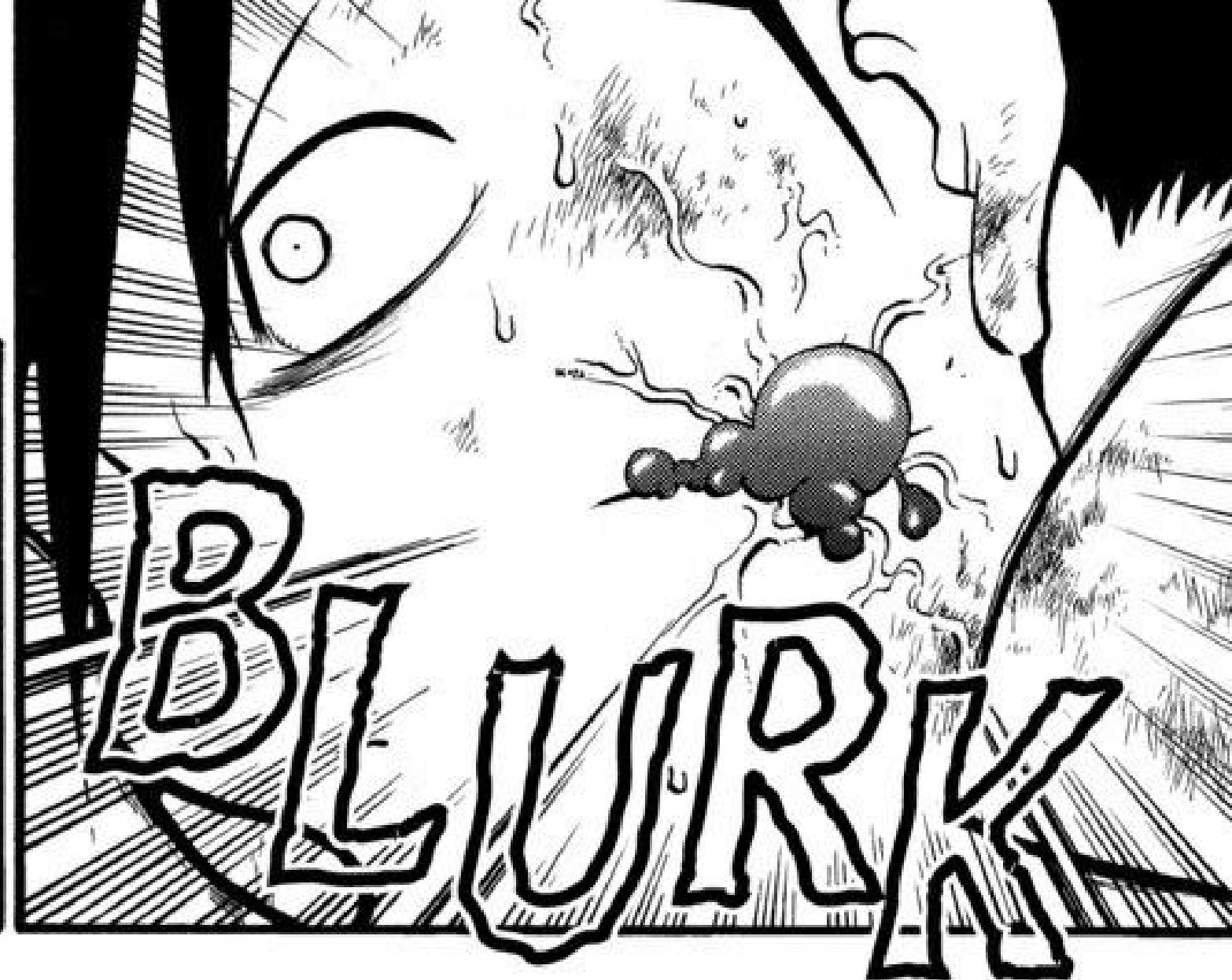
ENVY,
LET
ME
GO
!!















WHAT'S
THIS
BRAT
DOING
HERE
!?

GA
HA
HA
!!

ARE
YOU
LOST
!?

NO
MATTER!
HAND OVER
YOUR BODY
TO ME
AND I'LL
TAKE CARE
OF YOU!

JUST SIT
BACK,
RELAX,
AND LET
GREED
TAKE
CHARGE!

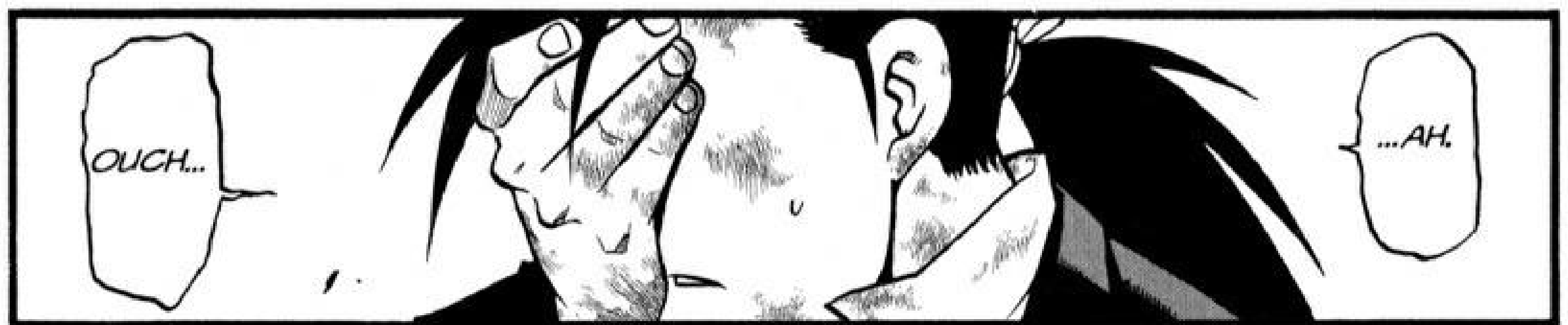
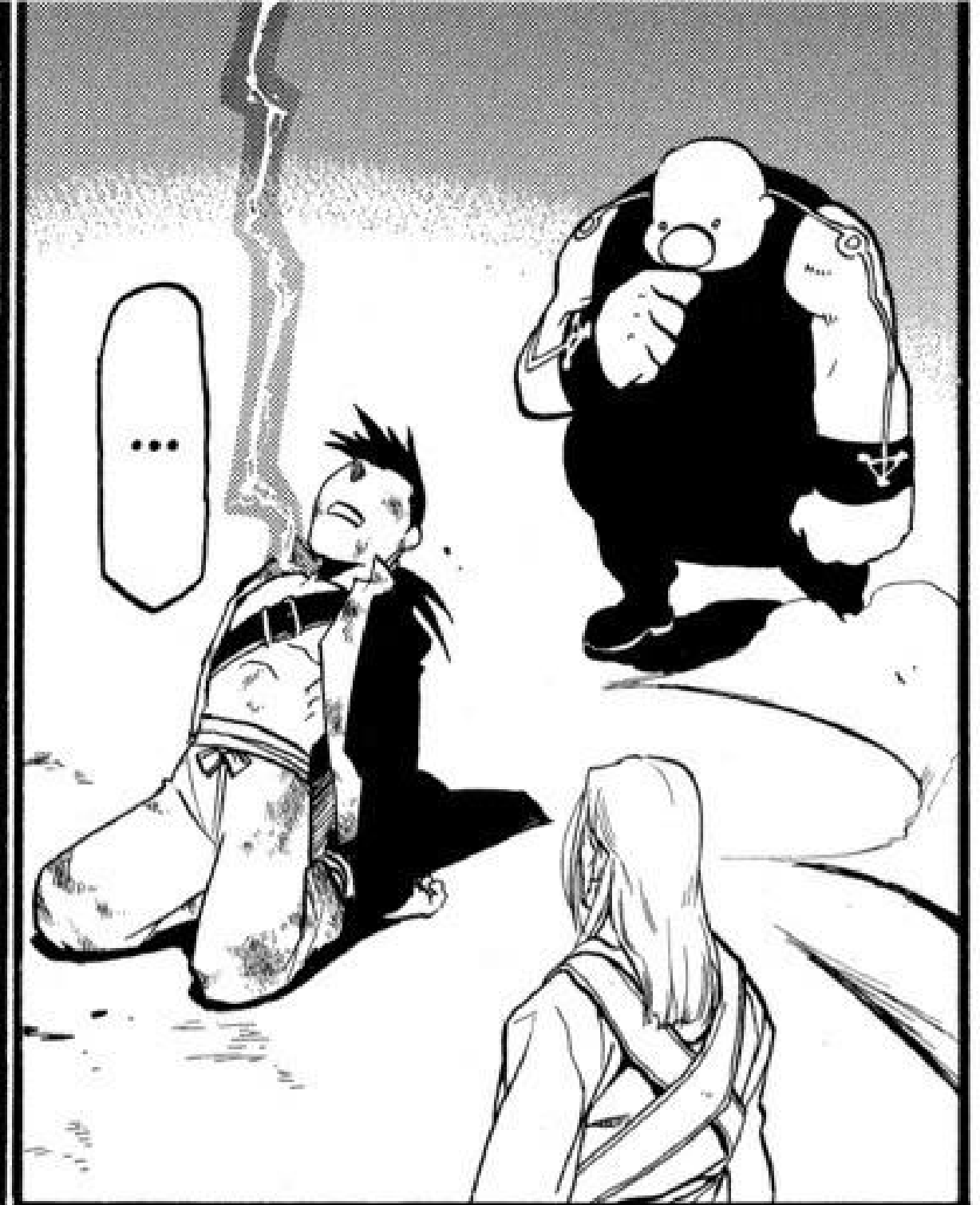
GRIN

GREEDY
ONE...

ALL
RIGHT...

CLENCH







HA
HA
HA
HA
!!



THANKS,
FATHER!!
IT'S
GOOD
TO BE
BACK!

I
COULD
GET
USED
TO THIS
HUNK
OF
FLESH
!!





FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST